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Disbarred lawyer faces deadline

Granted 24 more hours to explain her actions, comply with judge's orders

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A divorce lawyer who was disbarred for making alleged antisemitic claims about a conspiracy to control the state court system has one more day to explain why she has not complied with instructions concerning the

closing of her law practice and why she withdrew \$30,000 from a client account for her own alleged use after the judge told her not to do so.

Nickola Cunha, who is being represented by attorney Norm Pattis, did not show up to a hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday before Judge Thomas Moukawsher and did not comply with court instructions on Thursday.

The judge had issued a capias order to take effect at 3 p.m. Thursday — meaning she had until 3 p.m. to comply — but on Thursday filed a 24-hour extension, according to court

records.

Now, if Cunha doesn't comply by 3 p.m. Friday, she can be brought into court by marshals, according to court officials.

Her attorney, Pattis, did not return requests for comment on Thursday.

Moukawsher wrote in a recent decision that “the court concludes that clear and convincing evidence shows that Ms. Cunha was unequivocally ordered not to take her clients' money, knew about the order and willfully took it anyway.”

“She had a motive to take it, too. Shortly after taking the money, she hired an attorney.

She certainly needs one,” he wrote.

Cunha was disbarred in January for the maximum, allowable period of five years for persisting in asserting antisemitic claims about a judicial conspiracy. Moukawsher ordered Cunha to pay a \$1,000 contempt fine for ignoring his orders. A trustee was appointed to close her law practice and the judicial branch's chief disciplinary officer is looking into what happened to the \$30,000 and other client funds that are supposed to be held in trust.

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COVID OUTBREAK IN CONNECTICUT

Infections rising as lost lives are remembered

Flags at half-staff as US deaths during pandemic reach 1 million

By Kaitlin McCallum | Hartford Courant

In Hartford, as across the country, flags were lowered to half-staff Thursday to mark 1 million deaths from COVID-19 in the United States.

“Today, our country marks a heartbreaking milestone — 1 million American lives lost to COVID-19,” Gov. Ned Lamont said. “To everyone who lost a loved one — whether it be a mother, father, sibling, child, grandparent, friend, neighbor or other loved one — I offer my deepest condolences and pray for each of them.”

Lamont echoed a proclamation issued by President Joe Biden, who mourned the pandemic's victims and called for a renewed commitment to fighting COVID-19 while at the second global summit aimed at stopping the virus.

“Today, we mark a tragic milestone: 1 million American lives lost to COVID-19,” Biden said. “One million empty chairs around the dinner table, each an irreplaceable loss, each leaving behind a family, a community and a nation forever changed because of this pandemic.”

Johns Hopkins University has tallied just shy of 999,000 confirmed U.S. deaths since the start of the pandemic, with the nation expected to reach the 1 million milestone over the next few days. Biden ordered the flag

10,883

COVID-related deaths in Connecticut

291

People hospitalized with a confirmed case of coronavirus in Connecticut

■ Biden marks 1 million U.S. deaths. A4

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ABOVE: Workers atop City Hall in Hartford lower the American flag to half-staff Thursday as the nation marks 1 million deaths from the coronavirus. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

New chief state's attorney chosen

Patrick Griffin picked to lead state office over Hartford state's attorney

By Dave Altimari
CT Mirror

The state's Criminal Justice Commission on Thursday appointed career prosecutor Patrick Griffin to the “thankless job” of chief state's attorney.

Griffin will oversee a division that he said is low on morale and reeling from the recent retirement of its former leader Richard Colangelo Jr., who was ensnared in a political scandal.

Griffin, who is the New Haven state's attorney, was chosen over Hartford State's Attorney Sharmese Walcott after both candidates were interviewed and questioned for about 90 minutes each.

The interviews highlighted the challenges facing the chief state's attorney's office and the 13 regional state's attorneys that they oversee to some extent.

Colangelo's name wasn't mentioned by anyone during Thursday's proceedings, his retirement at the end of March hung over the interviews.

Colangelo retired rather than face an investigation that could have led to his firing. The issue was the Division of Criminal Justice's hiring the daughter of former Office of Policy and Management Deputy Secretary Konstantinos Diamantis as one of Colangelo's executive assistants — while Colangelo was trying to get Diamantis to approve raises for himself and the 13 other state's attorneys.

“First, I want to thank both of the attorneys for putting themselves forward. This is a thankless job that you are interviewing for,” Commission Chairman Andrew McDonald said.

The division is facing far more issues than just the aftermath of the Colangelo scandal. Both Griffin and Walcott were asked how they would address everything from the “brain drain” because of retirements to the bumpy unveiling of a new electronic case tracking system.

Before starting the interviews, McDonald said a third candidate, Dawn Gallo,

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Griffin

Hartford introduces hospital-based intervention program

The city of Hartford is partnering with three hospital networks as well as local civic organizations for a new, hospital-based violence intervention program.

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Jan. 6 panel subpoenas McCarthy

4 other lawmakers in House GOP also summoned to testify

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A house panel issued subpoenas Thursday to House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy and four other GOP lawmakers in its probe into the violent Jan. 6 insurrection, an extraordinary step that has little precedent and is certain to further inflame partisan tensions over the 2021 attack.

The panel is investigating McCarthy's conversations with then-President Donald Trump the day of the attack and meetings the four other lawmakers had with the



Rep. Kevin McCarthy talks to reporters Thursday after he and four others were issued subpoenas. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

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“One purpose of the audit is to direct the chief disciplinary counsel — in cooperation with the trustee — to determine if Ms. Cunha stole her client’s \$30,000. If she did, she will be in a lot more trouble,” the judge wrote in his ruling.

In addition to ordering Cunha not to withdraw money for her client trust accounts, Moukawsher ordered her to deliver to a trustee appointed to close her firm detailed information about clients, pending cases and billings as well as a list of all client accounts. She was specifically instructed not to withdraw or transfer client funds.

“If she hasn’t provided the information sought before the hearing, the court will consider other steps to ensure compliance, including possible additional monetary sanctions, incarceration

to secure compliance, or both,” Moukawsher wrote in a decision.

“Still, the court isn’t ready to conclude Ms. Cunha stole her clients’ money. The trustee and the chief disciplinary counsel aren’t asking the court to do this just yet. Instead, the chief disciplinary counsel requested, and the court orders, an audit of Ms. Cunha’s dealing with her clients’ funds in general and the \$30,000 in particular. The audit is to be completed and a report filed with the court no later than August 1, 2022. The chief disciplinary counsel is authorized in conducting the audit to subpoena any necessary witnesses and documents and to take depositions,” he wrote.

Cunha said through her attorney during an earlier court appearance that Moukawsher cannot sanction her because the court lost jurisdiction over her the moment she was disbarred. Moukawsher also said in a written deci-

“Still, the court isn’t ready to conclude Ms. Cunha stole her clients’ money. The trustee and the chief disciplinary counsel aren’t asking the court to do this just yet. Instead, the chief disciplinary counsel requested, and the court orders, an audit of Ms. Cunha’s dealing with her clients’ funds in general and the \$30,000 in particular.”

— Judge Thomas Moukawsher writing in his ruling

sion she has been inconsistent and “incredible” in explaining whether she understood she was not to withdraw client funds.

Cunha is appealing the disbarment.

In a written decision in January, Moukawsher said he was taking the unusual step of disbarring Cunha because of her behavior in behalf of a client in a bitter and protracted divorce, behavior that the judge said involved “empty and malicious” claims of abuse and antisemitic declarations to win an advantage for her client by “snarling the case into an un-triable mess.”

Until Moukawsher’s ruling, Cunha, who has offices in Hamden, had practiced law since 1999. The divorce case involved a couple with children that has entered its third year, generated enormous fees for lawyers and various family relation’s trial professionals and captured the following of court regulators.

The case was referred to Moukawsher, who is assigned to preside over especially complex and contentious divorces, after Cunha accused the judge presiding over the divorce trial, Gerard I. Adelman,

of bias against non-Jews, bias against the disabled and other claims. When Cunha moved to disqualify Adelman, Moukawsher convened a hearing and told her to produce her proof.

According to Moukawsher’s decision, which reproduces portions of the transcript of the hearing, Cunha rambled for 30 pages or so. Cunha made claims against Adelman but had not produced anything that, in Moukawsher’s view, supported her assertions. Finally, Cunha expressed antisemitic and conspiracy claims, the deci-

sion says.

Cunha said she was relying on “the enormous amount of information and evidence that’s come to me” about the alleged conspiracy. Pressed by Moukawsher, she said, “when you start looking at the cases and you start looking at the professionals engaged in the cases, it is consistent and it supports that claim.” She said, “I have a list of cases ... So it’s a vicious circle.”

Moukawsher asked her to produce the list that would support her claim. Cunha rummaged through her computer put failed to produce one. A recess was called to allow her to search further. Finally, Cunha acknowledged she had no list.

“There — there is not, Judge,” Cunha said.

Cunha’s other allegations were dismissed after similar questioning.

Courant reporter Edmund H. Mahony contributed to this story.

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White House beforehand as Trump and his aides worked to overturn his 2020 election defeat.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors have begun a grand jury investigation into whether classified White House documents that ended up at Trump’s Florida home were mishandled, according to two people briefed on the matter.

The investigation is focused on the discovery by the National Archives in January that at the end of Trump’s term he had taken to his home at the Mar-a-Lago resort 15 boxes from the White House that contained government documents, mementos, gifts and letters.

After the boxes were returned to the National Archives, its archivists found documents contain-

ing “items marked as classified national security information,” the agency told Congress in February.

The decision to issue subpoenas to McCarthy, R-Calif., and Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio, Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, Andy Biggs of Arizona and Mo Brooks of Alabama is a dramatic show of force by the panel, which has already interviewed nearly 1,000 witnesses and collected more than 100,000 documents as it investigates the worst attack on the U.S. Capitol in two centuries.

The move is not without risk, as Republicans are favored to capture the House majority in the midterm elections this fall and have promised retribution for Democrats if they take control.

After the announcement, McCarthy, who aspires to be House speaker, told reporters “I have not seen a subpoena” and said his view

on the Jan. 6 committee has not changed since the nine-lawmaker panel asked for his voluntary cooperation earlier this year.

“They’re not conducting a legitimate investigation,” McCarthy said. “Seems as though they just want to go after their political opponents.”

The panel, made up of seven Democrats and two Republicans, had previously asked for voluntary cooperation from the five lawmakers, along with a handful of other GOP members, but all of them refused to speak with the panel, which debated for months whether to issue the subpoenas.

“Before we hold our hearings next month, we wished to provide members the opportunity to discuss these matters with the committee voluntarily,” said Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, the Democratic chairman of the panel.

“Regrettably, the individuals receiving subpoenas today have refused and we’re forced to take this step to help ensure the committee uncovers facts concerning January 6th.”

Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the panel’s Republican vice chair, said the step wasn’t taken lightly. The unwillingness of the lawmakers to provide relevant information about the attack, she said, is “a very serious and grave situation.”

Congressional subpoenas for sitting members of Congress, especially for a party leader, have little precedent in recent decades, and it is unclear what the consequences would be if any or all of the five men decline to comply. The House has voted to hold two other noncompliant witnesses, former Trump aides Steve Bannon and Mark Meadows, in contempt, referring their

cases to the Justice Department.

In announcing the subpoenas, the Jan. 6 panel said there is historical precedent for the move and noted that the House Ethics Committee has “issued a number of subpoenas to Members of Congress for testimony or documents,” though such actions are generally done secretly.

“We recognize this is fairly unprecedented,” said Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger, the other GOP member of the panel, after the committee announced the subpoenas. “But the Jan. 6 attack was very unprecedented.”

McCarthy has acknowledged he spoke with Trump on Jan. 6 as Trump’s supporters were beating police outside the Capitol and forcing their way into the building. But he has not shared many details. The committee requested information about his conversa-

tions with Trump “before, during and after” the riot.

McCarthy took to the House floor after the rioters were cleared and said in a forceful speech that Trump “bears responsibility” for the attack and that it was the “saddest day I have ever had” in Congress even as he went on to join 138 other House Republicans in voting to reject the election results.

The GOP leader soon made up with Trump, though, visiting him in Florida and rallying House Republicans to vote against investigations of the attack.

The other four men were in touch with the White House for several weeks ahead of the insurrection, talking to Trump and his legal advisers about ways to stop the congressional electoral count on Jan. 6 to certify Joe Biden’s victory.

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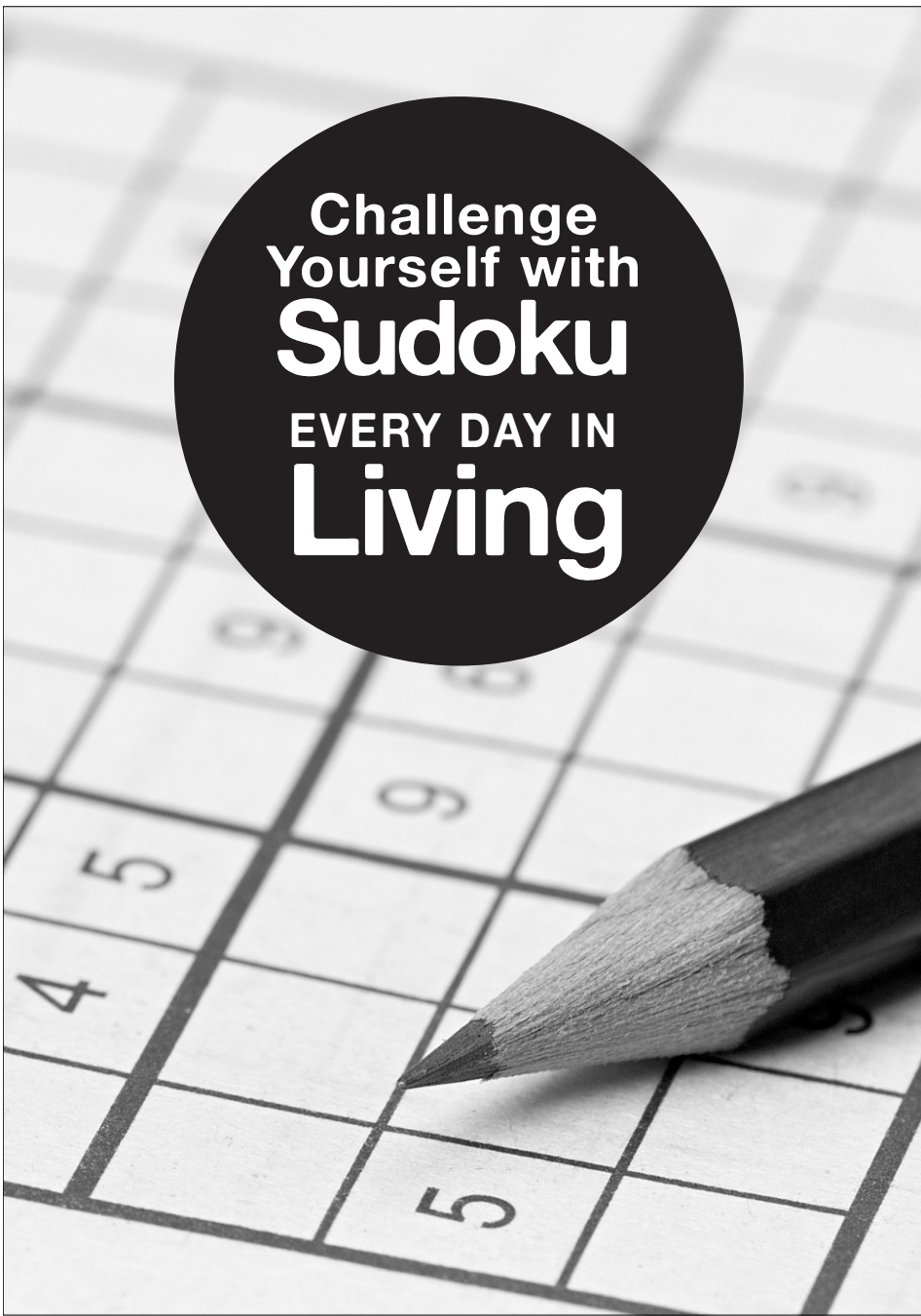
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Inflation deflating US food banks

Economy making it harder to provide help that's needed

By Thalia Beaty and Glenn Gamboa
Associated Press

Kendall Nunamaker and her family of five in Kennewick, Washington, faced impossible math this month: How to pay for gas, groceries and the mortgage with inflation driving up prices?

Like many other working families, the Nunamakers are grappling with the 8.3% inflation in the consumer price index in April announced this week — slowing slightly from the March figure, which was the largest year-over-year increase since 1981, according to the Labor Department. The national average gas price reached a record high Wednesday of \$4.40 a gallon. And global food prices are climbing after shortages caused by Russia's war against Ukraine and other supply chain problems.

Food banks across America say those economic conditions are intensifying demand for their support at a time when their labor and distribution costs are climbing and donations are slowing. The problem has grown to the point where last week President Joe Biden called for a Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health in September — the first since 1969.

For many families like the Nunamakers, food insecurity became a painful surprise.

"There's no reason us as a couple and a family should be struggling so hard," Nunamaker said. "We make decent money."

She works three days a week at a home decor store for \$15.25 an hour; her husband, Nick, works a full-time union job as a para-transit driver at \$27 an hour. Though they receive some money from a state nutri-



Army Sgt. Kevin Fowler, right, organizes food at an event put on by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank in Ohio. **TONY DEJAK/AP 2021**

tion program for young children that their two youngest qualify for, they still spent \$360 on groceries last week.

Because of inflated prices, those groceries didn't go far enough to feed everyone. And the family still lacked money to pay other household bills, leaving Nunamaker wondering how she would stretch their next paychecks to cover those bills and their mortgage this month.

In the past, to bridge the gap, the family sold off possessions.

"At some point," Nunamaker said, "we're not going to have anything because we would have sold everything."

Nunamaker and her husband visited two local food banks for the first time last week.

The pandemic forced roughly 60 million Americans to seek help for food

insecurity, according to Feeding America. At the end of 2021, as hiring boomed, demand for food banks returned to regular levels. But the relief was short-lived.

"In the last few months, with this increase in inflationary pressures, we're seeing 95% of our 200 member food banks saying that they have seen either leveling or an increase in need," said Claire Babin-eaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America.

In the area along the Columbia River where Nunamaker lives, the number of clients seeking food aid at a church pantry jumped 40% between December and March, according to Eric Williams, director of community partnerships at Second Harvest, an organization that works to supply local pantries with

food.

He said his organization must make more happen with less because its suppliers are subject to the same cost increases. The price Second Harvest pays for obtaining donated produce has risen from about 6 cents a pound a year ago to about 10 or 11 cents a pound now, Williams said.

Some of Feeding America's food pantry partners have closed because of dwindling donations and higher costs for receiving and delivering food. Others have less food on their shelves even though they have higher demand.

"Our network emphasizes access and equity," Babin-eaux-Fontenot said. "So we are working extra hard to reach people who have the deepest food insecurity rates. Well, how far out can we go when gas prices

are high? We have data that shows that race and place are significant indicators of whether or not you will be food insecure and how deeply you will be food insecure."

Because of inflation and a reduction in aid, a food bank that serves three counties in Ohio — also called Second Harvest — is facing a drop in the amount of food it's able to provide.

"Compared to last year at this time, we're about 50% down in what we have received in the past in federal food donations and then about 20% down from food drives in our collection of food at the grocery stores," Executive Director Tyra Jackson said. "All of that combined is truly having an impact on our budget because we're needing to purchase more food outright."

The struggles of families are heightened by the fact that government benefits that were increased during the pandemic like food stamps or unemployment insurance have stopped or will end shortly.

Williams, of Spokane, Washington, extended gratitude to the donors and volunteers that keep his organization running, some of whom worked over 100 shifts last year. He said it can be difficult to witness the scale of the food insecurity in his community when helping with distributions.

"You see the need and you just go, 'Oh God, oh my God,'" Williams said. "But then as you hand somebody a box of food and they drive off: 'Yeah, we were able to help,' which is heart-wrenching on one hand and heartwarming on the other."

Griffin

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had withdrawn her application after being chosen as a finalist.

Griffin went first and acknowledged that the "morale of the division was the worst it has been" in his 27 years of employment there.

Griffin said there were a variety of issues that have led to that, including "all of the negative news stories" over the past year, referring to the issues surrounding the office.

Griffin also pointed out that the division has lost about 30% of its staff to retirements.

"There's hundreds of years of experience and institutional knowledge that has left and is difficult to replace," Griffin said.

He also pointed out that adjusting to the "dislocation and disruption" of the court systems caused by COVID and issues getting the new

online case management system up and running have made recent months more challenging.

Griffin has been the state's attorney in New Haven since 2016. Before that, he ran the cold case unit at the chief state's attorney's office in Rocky Hill. When asked what has been his most difficult case since becoming the top prosecutor in New Haven, Griffin said it was the arrest of Hamden police officer Devin Eaton.

Eaton and a Yale police officer shot at a car in New Haven on April 16, 2019, after Eaton stopped it while investigating a reported alleged robbery. Officials said Eaton fired 13 times after the driver, Paul Witherspoon III, got out of the car unexpectedly. Witherspoon wasn't injured. His girlfriend, 22-year-old Stephanie Washington, was seriously injured but survived.

Eaton eventually pleaded no contest to first-degree

assault and resigned.

"The officer-involved shooting in Hamden was a challenge because we had to conduct an investigation of a member of that department while at the same time prosecuting cases that department was sending to my office," Griffin said. "In the end, the evidence showed that the officer had shot an unarmed person, and we charged him."

Griffin said the department is at a crossroads because four of the 13 state's attorneys are about to retire, creating a void but perhaps also an opportunity.

"There will be four state's attorneys positions that will need to be filled, so there is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to infuse new thoughts and energy into the division," Griffin said.

Another area in which Griffin said he would like to see a more uniform approach is sentencing modification. Griffin said a committee in New Haven reviewed 110 applications,

agreed to hearings for 55 cases and modified 22 sentences.

"One of the things I would like to see is a separate committee set up to review sentencing modifications and remove the prosecutors originally involved in the case to take the emotion out of it," Griffin said.

During her interview, Walcott also acknowledged that morale is at a low point within the division because of the recent issues involving Colangelo, as well as the lack of staff because of retirements and people leaving for other jobs that offer better telework opportunities.

Walcott said she'd give the division a "C" grade for morale. She described it as "damaged but not broken." She said besides trying to fill vacant positions within the division, she would create a new professional standards unit.

"Within that unit would be an ethics officer, as well as a Freedom of Informa-

tion officer liaison and a diversity, equity and inclusion officer to review our training standards," Walcott said. "That unit will hopefully help signal to the community and to our outside organizations that we are serious, and we are committed to being ethical, and we are trustworthy."

Walcott has been in the system for 15 years, the last two as Hartford state's attorney. When asked what areas she would address if appointed as chief state's attorney, Walcott mentioned the need to reform the juvenile justice system.

"I think our juvenile justice system has been overlooked," Walcott said. "I think that society counts on the Division of Criminal Justice to not just be a participant in the juvenile system, but to be an active stakeholder, and that means looking at what sort of programs are we providing. Are we balancing the needs of society with the needs of

juveniles?"

Walcott said she would also investigate where the division is putting its resources and if cases are treated consistently.

"Are we making the correct distinctions between Part A and Part B cases? Are we triaging cases appropriately? Walcott said. "Is there a consistency as to how we are treating cases or are there different outcomes for some cases in different districts?"

The commission spent about 90 minutes interviewing each candidate, focusing mostly on what their plans would be for the office.

The chief state's attorney oversees the 13 state's attorneys offices, although they have no direct supervision of the state's attorneys in each district.

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COVID-19

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remain at half-staff through the end of Monday. Johns Hopkins reports 6.3 million global deaths.

Connecticut has had 10,883 COVID-related deaths, with 25 in the past week, as the current surge in infections continues.

The state also saw an increase in hospitalizations — up 58 to 291 people hospitalized with a confirmed case of coronavirus. Officials note that many of them

are incidental, meaning patients were admitted for something unrelated and then diagnosed once they arrived.

The increases follow a rise in cases that is difficult to quantify. The state reported 9,606 positive tests in the past seven days out of 72,531 administered, for a positivity rate of 13.24%. That number is not precise, as many people now test for COVID at home and do not report their results.

Several factors are responsible for the rise in cases, Scott Roberts, assistant medical director for infection prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital, said Thursday afternoon.

"We're probably seeing a lot of things, [including] a combination of waning immunity either from vaccines or previous infections," he said.

Many people who received a booster shot more than six months ago, have lessened protection. In addition, the dominant variant in Connecticut — BA.2.12 — is more transmissible than previous variants.

"The double whammy

there is leading to a surge in infections," Roberts said. "The good news is the vast majority of cases continue to be mild. We still do have people who need to be hospitalized, likely because they are either unvaccinated or elderly or immune-compromised."

Still, Roberts said vaccines are expected to continue to offer protection against severe levels of illness and death, both from existing variants and those still to come.

"For that reason we continue to recommend

people get vaccinated," he said.

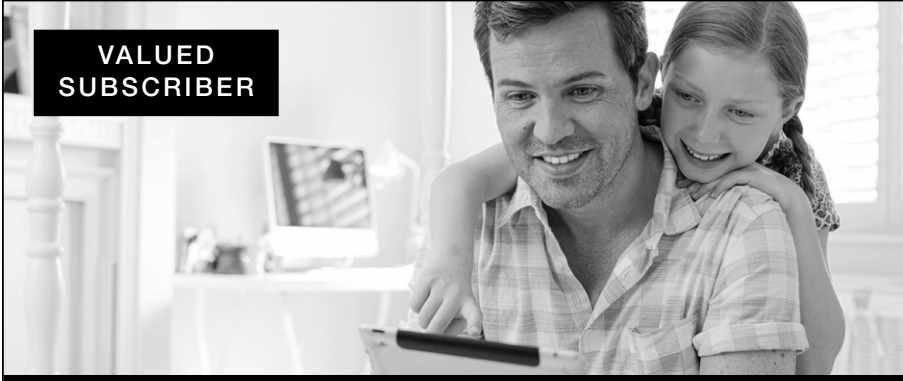
Vaccine requirements, along with mask mandates, were dropped at the end of this winter's devastating omicron surge. Despite the case increase, officials have said they're not looking to impose new mandates.

Of children in schools, Roberts said, "Personally, I am worried. We know kids have much more mild disease and probably don't transmit as much as adults, but when you put kids together in a close space without masks, you have an

opportunity for increased infection ... our trend week by week continues to go in the wrong direction."

COVID has so far been hard to predict, Roberts said, but previous waves have been on two-month cycles, meaning the current wave could subside soon.

"I think the warm weather will really help, like last summer when cases were really low," he said. "It makes me optimistic. But for the next week or two this subvariant is 30% more transmissible than even BA.2."



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WAR IN UKRAINE

Finland leaders want to join NATO

Parliament still has to weigh in; Russia warns of retaliation

By Oleksandr Stashevskyi
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Finland’s leaders Thursday came out in favor of applying to join NATO, and Sweden could do the same within days, in a historic realignment on the continent 2 ½ months after Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through Moscow’s neighbors.

The Kremlin reacted by warning it will be forced to take retaliatory “military-technical” steps.

On the ground, meanwhile, Russian forces pounded areas in central and eastern Ukraine, including the last pocket of resistance in Mariupol, as part its offensive to take the vital industrial Donbas region, while Ukraine recaptured some towns and villages in the country’s northeast.

Finland’s president and prime minister announced that the Nordic country should apply right away for membership in NATO, the military defense pact founded in part to counter the Soviet Union.

“You (Russia) caused this. Look in the mirror,” Finnish President Sauli Niinisto said this week.

While the country’s Parliament still has to weigh in, the announcement means Finland is all but certain to apply — and gain admission — though the process could take months to complete. Sweden, like-



Emergency workers clear away rubble Thursday at the site of a damaged theater building amid heavy fighting in Mariupol. AP

wise, is considering putting itself under NATO’s protection.

That would represent a major change in Europe’s security landscape: Sweden has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, while Finland adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II.

Public opinion in both nations shifted dramatically in favor of NATO membership after the invasion, which stirred fears in countries along Russia’s flank that they could be next.

Such an expansion of the alliance would leave Russia surrounded by NATO countries in the Baltic Sea and the Arctic and would amount to

a stinging setback for Putin, who had hoped to divide and roll back NATO in Europe but is instead seeing the exact opposite happen.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has said the alliance would welcome Finland and Sweden with open arms.

Russia’s Foreign Ministry warned that Moscow “will be forced to take retaliatory steps of military-technical and other characteristics in order to counter the emerging threats to its national security.”

NATO’s funneling of weapons and other military support to Ukraine already has been critical to Kyiv’s surprising success in

stymieing the invasion, and the Kremlin warned anew in ominous terms Thursday that the aid could lead to direct conflict between NATO and Russia.

“There is always a risk of such conflict turning into a full-scale nuclear war, a scenario that will be catastrophic for all,” said Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of Russia’s Security Council.

While Russia’s advance in the Donbas has been slow, Ukraine’s military noted that Moscow has achieved “partial success.” Western officials said Russia has gained ground and taken some villages.

Explosions were heard Thursday near the town

of Bakhmut, an area of the Donbas that has seen heavy fighting. The Ukrainian military said Russian forces were storming two villages there.

Britain’s Defense Ministry said Russia’s focus on the Donbas has left its remaining troops around the north-eastern city of Kharkiv vulnerable to counterattack from Ukrainian forces, which recaptured several towns and villages around the city.

Still, Russian rocket strikes Thursday killed one person and wounded three in a suburb of Kharkiv, the regional governor said.

Fighting across the east has driven thousands of

Ukrainians from their homes. Evacuees wiped away tears as they carried their children and belongings onto buses and vans to flee.

“It is terrible there now. We were leaving under missiles,” said Tatiana Kravstova, who left the town of Siversk with her 8-year-old son Artiom on a bus headed for the central city of Dnipro. “I don’t know where they were aiming at, but they were pointing at civilians.”

Ukraine also said Russian forces had fired artillery and grenade launchers at Ukrainian troops in the direction of Zaporizhzhia, which has been a refuge for civilians fleeing Mariupol, and attacked in the Chernihiv and Sumy regions to the north.

Overnight airstrikes near Chernihiv, in northern Ukraine, killed at least three people, Ukraine’s military said. It said that Russian troops fired rockets at a school and student dormitory in Novhorod-Siversky as well as other buildings and homes.

And eight to 12 Russian missiles struck an oil refinery and other infrastructure in the central Ukrainian industrial hub of Kremenchuk on Thursday, the region’s acting governor, Dmytro Lunin, wrote in a Telegram post.

In the southern port of Mariupol, which has largely been reduced to smoking rubble with little food, water or medicine, or what the mayor called a “medieval ghetto,” Ukrainian fighters continued to hold out at the Azovstal steel plant, the last stronghold of resistance in the city.

‘Tragic milestone’: Biden marks 1M US virus deaths

Urges world leaders at summit to keep up attack on COVID-19

By Zeke Miller and Maria Cheng
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden appealed to world leaders at a COVID-19 summit Thursday to reenergize a lagging international commitment to attacking the virus as he led the U.S. in marking the “tragic milestone” of 1 million deaths in America. He ordered flags lowered to half-staff and warned against complacency around the globe.

“This pandemic isn’t over,” Biden declared at the second global pandemic summit. He spoke solemnly of the once-unthinkable U.S. toll: “1 million empty chairs around the family dinner table.”

The coronavirus has killed more than 999,000 people in the U.S. and at least 6.2 million people globally since it emerged in late 2019, according to figures from Johns Hopkins University. Other counts, including by the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and American Nurses Association, have the toll topping 1 million.

“Today, we mark a tragic milestone here in the United States, 1 million COVID deaths,” he said.

The president called on Congress to urgently provide billions of dollars more for testing, vaccines and treatments, something lawmakers have been unwilling to deliver so far.

That lack of funding — Biden has requested an additional \$22.5 billion in what he calls critically needed money — is a U.S. reflection of faltering resolve that jeopardizes the global response to the pandemic, he says.

Eight months after he used the first such summit to announce an ambitious pledge to donate 1.2 billion vaccine doses to the world, the urgency of the U.S. and other nations to respond has waned.

Momentum on vaccinations and treatments has faded even as more infectious variants rise and billions of people across the globe remain unprotected.

Biden addressed the opening of the virtual summit Thursday with recorded remarks and made the case that tackling COVID-19 “must remain an international priority.”

The U.S. is co-hosting the summit with Belize, Germany, Indonesia and

Senegal.

“This summit is an opportunity to renew our efforts to keep our foot on the gas when it comes to getting this pandemic under control and preventing future health crises,” Biden said.

The U.S. has shipped nearly 540 million vaccine doses to more than 110 countries and territories, according to the State Department — far more than any other donor nation.

The leaders announced about \$3 billion in new commitments to fight the virus, along with new programs meant to boost access to vaccines and treatments around the world. But that was a far more modest outcome than at last year’s meeting.

“At the global level, all countries, big or small, rich or poor, must have equal access to health solutions,” Indonesian President Joko Widodo said.

After the delivery of more than 1 billion vaccines to the developing world, the problem is no longer a lack of shots but of logistical support to get doses into arms. According to government data, more than 680 million donated vaccine doses have been left unused in developing countries because they were expir-



During a virtual COVID-19 summit Thursday, President Biden ordered flags lowered to half-staff to remember those in the U.S. who died in the crisis. TIFFANY BLANCHETTE/THE DAILY JOURNAL

ing and couldn’t be administered quickly enough. As of March, 32 poorer countries had used less than half of the COVID-19 vaccines they were sent.

U.S. assistance to promote and facilitate vaccinations overseas dried up earlier this year, and Biden has requested about \$5 billion for the effort through the rest of 2022.

“We have tens of millions of unclaimed doses because countries lack the resources to build out their cold chains, which basically is the refrigeration systems,

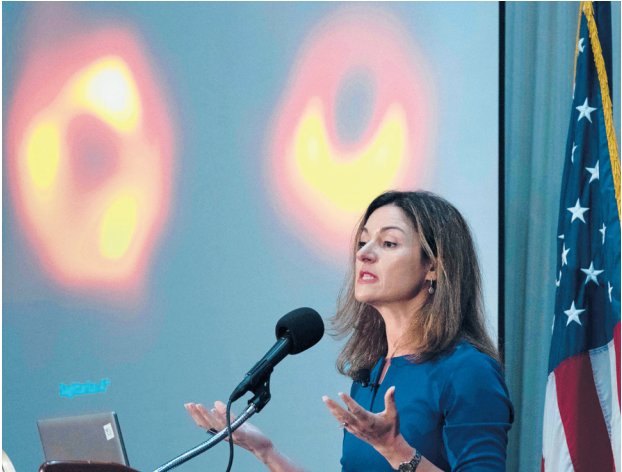
to fight disinformation and to hire vaccinators,” White House press secretary Jen Psaki said this week.

“We’re going to continue to fight for more funding here,” Psaki said. “But we will continue to press other countries to do more to help the world make progress as well.”

Congress has balked at the price tag for COVID-19 relief and has thus far refused to take up the package because of political opposition to the impending end of pandemic-era migration restrictions at the U.S.-Mexico

border. Even after a consensus for virus funding briefly emerged in March, lawmakers decided to strip out the global aid funding and solely focus the assistance on shoring up U.S. supplies of vaccine booster shots and therapeutics.

Biden has warned that without Congress acting, the U.S. could lose out on access to the next generation of vaccines and treatments, and that the nation won’t have enough supply of booster doses or the antiviral drug Paxlovid for later this year.



Astronomer Feryal Ozel shows images of the Milky Way’s black hole Thursday in Washington. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/GETTY-APF

Scientists unveil image of Milky Way’s black hole

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The world’s first image of the supermassive black hole at the center of our Milky Way galaxy doesn’t portray a voracious cosmic destroyer but what astronomers Thursday called a “gentle giant” on a near-starvation diet.

Astronomers believe nearly all galaxies have these giant black holes at their crowded centers, where

light and matter cannot escape, making it difficult to get images of them. Light gets bent and twisted by gravity as it gets sucked into the abyss along with superheated gas and dust.

The colorized image unveiled Thursday is from an international consortium behind the Event Horizon Telescope, a collection of eight synchronized radio telescopes around the world. Getting a good image was a challenge; previous efforts found the black hole

too jumpy.

Feryal Ozel of the University of Arizona described it as a “gentle giant” while announcing the breakthrough along with other astronomers involved in the project. The image confirms Albert Einstein’s general theory of relativity: The black hole is the size that Einstein’s equations dictate — about the size of the orbit of Mercury around our sun.

Black holes gobble up galactic material, but Ozel said this one is “eating very

little.”

“Pictures of black holes are the hardest thing to think about,” said astronomer Andrea Ghez of UCLA. She wasn’t part of the team but earned a Nobel Prize for the discovery of the Milky Way’s black hole in the 1990s. She said the image of “my baby” is how it should be — an eerie-looking orange-red ring with utter blackness in the middle.

The black hole is 4 million times more massive than the sun.

WORLD & NATION



Hunter Biden and his wife, Melissa Cohen, attend his art show in New York City. CALLA KESSLER/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

Wealthy Hollywood lawyer helping out Hunter Biden

Counsel comes while the president's son is target of fed probe

By Kenneth P. Vogel and Michael S. Schmidt
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Faced with financial pressure and a federal investigation into his taxes and foreign consulting work, Hunter Biden has turned for money and strategic advice to an unlikely source: a wealthy Hollywood lawyer and novelist best known for brokering a lucrative licensing deal for the animated series “South Park.”

Lawyer Kevin Morris has quietly taken on an expansive role as a financier, confidant and would-be avenger for Biden, handling sensitive subjects for President Joe Biden's son that could have political ramifications for the White House.

Morris lent over \$2 million to Hunter Biden, which went to supporting his family and paying back taxes that are a subject of the ongoing federal investigation, according to four people familiar with the matter.

Morris advised Biden as he navigated a paternity and child support lawsuit, and helped him with his art career and a memoir published last year that was partly a response to attacks from former President Donald Trump.

He is funding a documentary project that is expected to build on the memoir's redemption story, while depicting the president's son as the victim of allies of Trump who distributed to the media a cache of files that appears to have come from a laptop abandoned by Biden in a Delaware repair shop.

Some of the tactics Morris is said to have advocated — like publicly questioning the story behind the laptop cache and attacking those involved in spreading files from it — have not been implemented. They have seemed at odds with the approach of Biden's defense lawyers, who have proceeded cautiously while he is still under federal investigation.

Morris declined to be interviewed. Attempts to reach Hunter Biden through his lawyer were unsuccessful. The White House declined to comment.

Hunter Biden has a history of seeking employment or profit in areas that overlapped with his father's public duties and doing business with questionable partners around the world, including in Ukraine. His extensive and well-publicized personal travails

— including addiction to crack cocaine, divorce, a relationship with his brother's widow and money problems — have spilled into politics, helping to fuel relentless if largely baseless efforts by Republicans to link his father to his business ventures.

The criminal investigation into Hunter Biden's taxes and international work appears to be coming to a head. Justice Department prosecutors have met in recent weeks to discuss whether to move forward with the case. In the coming months, the department is expected to make a final decision about whether to bring criminal or civil charges, or to reach some sort of settlement that could include a significant fine.

The decision will have to be approved by Attorney General Merrick Garland and will be among the most scrutinized of his tenure. Hovering over it is the possibility that Republicans will win control of Congress in November and immediately begin investigations into Hunter Biden and how the Justice Department handled the case.

The White House has said it has no role in advising Hunter Biden on his legal problems or on his public messaging. Morris' emergence as an influential adviser underscores the delicate situation that the president has to confront with the issues swirling around his son.

On one hand, Biden's paying his back taxes using Morris' loan could make it more difficult to prosecute a criminal tax case against the president's son. And the president's confidants see Morris as a key member of Hunter Biden's emotional inner circle.

At the same time, some of the president's allies see Morris as a potential liability. They are uneasy with his many ideas about how to go on the offense publicly, a person familiar with their thinking said. And they are concerned that it could reflect badly on the administration for the president's son to be receiving financial assistance from a wealthy benefactor — a dynamic that could evoke the payments, which are now under scrutiny from federal prosecutors, that Hunter Biden accepted from a Ukrainian oligarch's company and other foreign interests.

The allies prefer that the president's son continue to keep a low profile and follow exactly what his primary defense lawyer, Chris Clark, tells him to do. They want Hunter Biden to do whatever he can to settle the matter with the Justice Department if prosecutors

decide they want to charge him, according to the person familiar with their thinking.

Morris, 58, made a big splash in Hollywood, and a lot of money, when he negotiated a landmark deal that gave the creators of “South Park,” Matt Stone and Trey Parker, a precedent-setting 50% stake in the cartoon's success in digital media.

Morris met Hunter Biden, now 52, in December 2019 at a fundraiser for the Biden presidential campaign and soon developed an almost paternal affection for him, according to an associate of Morris. Morris' relationship with Biden was first reported by CBS News.

At the time of their initial meeting, Hunter Biden was working to get his life back together. Biden was under attack from Trump and his allies, who were seizing on his personal struggles and foreign business dealings to try to undermine his father's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Biden and Morris both lived in Los Angeles and became close, with Morris assisting as Biden worked to finish a memoir. It detailed his struggles with addiction and loss and credited his new wife, Melissa Cohen, with pulling him back from the brink of despair and self-destruction. It also pushed back against Trump's attacks on him and his family.

Morris, who had donated \$2,800 to the Biden campaign before meeting the candidate's son, donated \$55,000 to super PACs supporting the campaign and opposing Trump in the months after the meeting — exponentially more than he had given to federal committees previously, according to campaign finance records.

While the documentary about Biden is still in the formative stages, according to people familiar with it, they said it could seek to undermine attacks on its subject while also advancing the story of his redemption, including focusing on the launch of Biden's career as an artist.

Morris, who collects art, has encouraged Biden's art and owns some of it, according to two people familiar with his collection, although one suggested the art might have been gifted to him.

While Hunter Biden previously said painting “is literally keeping me sane,” it has caused headaches for the administration. The White House helped develop a set of ethics guidelines intended to keep the identity of buyers of Biden's art, and other details of the sales, from the artist and the administration.

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WORLD & NATION

Lake Mead exposes Vegas' secrets

Watery graves recall mob's involvement in city's early history

By Ken Ritter
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Stories about long-departed Las Vegas organized crime figures are surfacing after a second set of unidentified human remains were revealed as the water level falls on drought-stricken Lake Mead.

The reservoir on the Colorado River is about a 30-minute drive from the mob-founded Las Vegas Strip.

“There’s no telling what we’ll find in Lake Mead,” former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Monday. “It’s not a bad place to dump a body.”

Goodman was a defense attorney who represented Mafia figures including ill-fated Chicago crime figure Anthony “Tony the Ant” Spilotro before serving three terms as a martini-toting mayor who made public appearances with a showgirl on each arm.

He declined to speculate about who might turn up in the vast reservoir formed by Hoover Dam between Nevada and Arizona.

“I’m relatively sure it was not Jimmy Hoffa,” he laughed, referring to the former labor boss who disappeared in 1975. But he added that a lot of his former clients seemed interested in “climate control” — mob speak for keeping the lake level up and bodies down in their watery graves.

Instead, the world now has climate change, and as a result the surface of Lake Mead has dropped more than 170 feet since 1983. The lake that slakes the thirst of 40 million people in cities, farms and tribes across seven Southwestern states is down to about 30% of capacity.

“If the lake goes down much farther, it’s very



Lake Mead in Nevada, now at 30% of capacity, has seen its water level drop more than 170 feet since 1983. MARIO TAMA/GETTY

possible we’re going to have some very interesting things surface,” said Michael Green, a University of Nevada, Las Vegas history professor whose father dealt blackjack for decades at casinos including the Stardust and Showboat.

“I wouldn’t bet the mortgage that we’re going to solve who killed Bugsy Siegel,” Green said, referring to the infamous gangster who opened the Flamingo casino in 1946 on what became the Strip. Siegel was shot dead in 1947 in Beverly Hills, California. His assassin has never been identified.

“But I would be willing to bet there are going to be a few more bodies,” Green said.

Last month, the dropping lake level exposed Las Vegas’ uppermost drinking water intake, forcing the regional water authority to switch to a deep-lake intake

it completed in 2020 to continue to supply casinos, suburbs and 2.4 million residents and 40 million tourists per year.

The following weekend, boaters spotted the decomposed body of a man in a rusted barrel stuck in the mud of newly exposed shoreline.

The corpse has not been identified, but Las Vegas police say he had been shot, probably between the mid-1970s and early 1980s, according to the shoes found with him. The death is being investigated as a homicide.

A few days later, a second barrel was found by a KLAS-TV news crew, not far from the first. It was empty.

On Saturday, two sisters from the Las Vegas suburb of Henderson were paddle boarding on the lake near a former marina resort and noticed bones on a newly surfaced sand bar more than nine miles from the barrels.

Lindsey Melvin, who took photos of their find, said they thought at first it was the skeleton of a bighorn sheep native to the region. A closer look revealed a human jaw with teeth. They called park rangers and the National Park Service confirmed in a statement that the bones were human.

There was no immediate evidence of foul play, Las Vegas police said Monday, and they are not investigating. A homicide probe would be opened if the Clark County coroner determines the death was suspicious, the department said in a statement.

Geoff Schumacher, vice president of The Mob Museum, said he expects “a lot” of whatever bodies lie beneath the lake’s surface will turn out to be drowning victims. But he said it’s clear whoever was in the barrel was a target.

Stuffing a body in a barrel

has a “signature of a mob hit,” said Schumacher, whose museum is in a renovated historic downtown Las Vegas post office and federal building. It opened in 2012 as the National Museum of Organized Crime & Law Enforcement. David Kohlmeier, a former police officer who now co-hosts a Las Vegas podcast and fledgling TV show called “The Problem Solver Show,” said Monday that after offering a \$5,000 reward last week for qualified divers to find barrels in the lake, he heard from people in San Diego and Florida willing to try.

But National Park Service officials said that’s not allowed and that there are hundreds of barrels in the depths, some dating to the construction of Hoover Dam in the 1930s.

Kohlmeier said he also heard from families of missing people and about cases

like a man suspected of killing his mother and brother in 1987, a hotel employee who disappeared in 1992, and a father from Utah who vanished in the 1980s.

Green said the discoveries have people talking not only about mob hits, but about bringing relief and closure to grieving families.

“They’re going to think we’re going to solve every mob murder. In fact, we may see some,” he said. “But it’s also worth remembering that the mob did not like murders to take place in the Las Vegas area, because they did not like bad publicity going out under the Las Vegas dateline.”

Whatever story emerges about the body in the barrel, Goodman predicted it will add to the lore of a city that needed the creation of Lake Mead to sprout from the creosote bush-covered desert to become a marquee gambling mecca with a metro area home to about 2.25 million people.

“When I was the mayor, every time I went to a groundbreaking, I’d begin to shake for fear that somebody I may have run into over the years will be uncovered,” he joked.

Spilotro, Goodman’s one-time client, represented the Chicago mob in Las Vegas in the 1970s. He headed a crew dubbed the “Hole in the Wall Gang” for drilling through walls to gain entry to homes and businesses.

Spilotro’s body and the body of his brother, Michael Spilotro, were found in June 1986 by a farmer plowing a cornfield in northwest Indiana.

Tony the Ant served as the model for the character Nicky Santoro, portrayed by actor Joe Pesci, in Martin Scorsese’s 1995 movie “Casino.” Goodman played himself in the film.

“We have a very interesting background,” Goodman told Associated Press. “It certainly adds to the mystique of Las Vegas.”



People wait to receive humanitarian aid Thursday in Kharkiv, Ukraine. A \$40 billion package of further U.S. aid stalled the same day in the Senate. FINBARR O'REILLY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

WAR IN UKRAINE

Rand Paul stalls Senate's OK of \$40B Ukraine assistance

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kentucky Republican Sen. Rand Paul defied leaders of both parties and single-handedly prevented rapid Senate approval Thursday of an additional \$40 billion to help Ukraine and its allies withstand Russia’s three-month old invasion.

With the Senate poised to debate and vote on a military and economic aid package, Paul denied leaders the unanimous agreement they needed to proceed. The bipartisan measure, backed by President Joe Biden, underscores U.S. determination to reinforce its support for Ukraine’s outnumbered forces.

It seemed likely that Paul’s objection would delay final Senate action until next week. The plan has been approved overwhelmingly by the House and has strong bipartisan support in the Senate, and passage still seems certain.

Paul, a libertarian who often opposes U.S. intervention abroad, said he wanted language inserted

into the bill, without a vote, that would have an inspector general scrutinize the new spending. He has a long history of demanding last-minute changes by holding up or threatening to delay bills on the brink of passage, including measures dealing with lynching, the defense budget and providing health care to the Sept. 11 first responders.

Democrats opposed his effort and, along with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., offered a vote on Paul’s language — which would have likely failed — but Paul turned it down. He argued that the added spending would deepen federal deficits and worsen inflation. Last year’s budget deficit was almost \$2.8 trillion.

“We cannot save Ukraine by dooming the U.S. economy,” Paul said. “It’s clear from the junior senator from Kentucky’s remarks, he doesn’t want to aid Ukraine,” said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-NY. “All he will accomplish with his actions here today is to delay that aid, not to stop it.”

Schumer and McConnell

stood nearly side-by-side as they tried pushing the legislation forward.

“They’re only asking for the resources they need to defend themselves against this deranged invasion,” McConnell said.

Earlier Thursday, McConnell called on “both sides” — meaning Republicans and Democrats — “to help us pass this urgent funding bill today.” His pointed inclusion of his own GOP colleagues came as the only apparent stumbling blocks to quick approval seemed to be demands for new language or votes by a handful of Republicans.

The House voted 368-57 on Tuesday to approve the measure. All Democrats and most Republicans backed it, though every “no” vote came from the GOP.

Biden administration officials have said they expect the latest aid measure to suffice through September. But Congress will ultimately face decisions about how much more aid to provide at a time of huge U.S. budget deficits and a risk of recession that could demand added spending at home.

Parents swap, sell formula as Biden seeks to ease shortage

By Josh Boak
and Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A baby formula shortage in the United States is driving parents to swap, sell and offer leftover supplies to each other, while President Joe Biden spoke with manufacturers and retailers Thursday about the plight facing families.

Biden discussed with executives from Mead Johnson and Gerber how they could increase production and how his administration could help, and talked with leaders from Walmart and Target about how to restock shelves and address regional disparities in access to formula, according to the White House.

The administration plans to monitor possible price gouging and work with trading partners in Chile, Ireland, Mexico and the Netherlands on imports, even though 98% of baby formula is domestically made.

The problem is the result of supply chain disruptions and a safety recall, and has had a cascade of effects: Retailers are limiting what customers can buy, and doctors and health workers are urging parents to contact food banks or physicians’ offices, in addition to warning against watering down formula to stretch supplies or using online DIY recipes.

The shortage is weighing particularly on lower-income families after the recall by formula maker Abbott stemming from contamination concerns. That recall wiped out many brands covered by WIC, a federal program like food stamps that serves mothers, infants and children, though the program now permits brand substitutes. The Biden administration is working with states to make it easier for WIC recipients



A grocery store notice in Salt Lake City posts customer limits on baby formula Tuesday amid a national shortage caused by supply disruptions and a safety recall. RICK BOWMER/AP

to buy sizes of formula that their benefits might not currently cover.

Parents, moms in particular, are using social media to bridge the supply gaps.

Ashley Maddox, 31, a mother of two from San Diego, started a Facebook group Wednesday after failing to find formula for her 5-month-old son, Cole.

“I connected with a gal in my group and she had seven cans of the formula I need that were just sitting in her house that her baby didn’t need anymore,” she said. “So I drove out, it was about a 20-minute drive and picked it up and paid her. It was a miracle.”

She said there was already a stigma attached to being a non-breastfeeding mom and that the group has become supportive. “To not be able to have that formula, it’s scary,” she said.

Jennifer Kersey, 36 of Cheshire, Connecticut, said she was down to her last can of formula for her 7-month-old son, Blake, before someone saw her post on a Facebook group and came by with a few sample cans.

“At first I was starting to panic,” she said. “But, I’m a believer in the Lord, so I said, ‘God, I know you’re going to provide for me’ and I just started reaching out to people, ‘Hey do you have this formula?’ ”

She said she and others in the group are helping each other, finding stores that might have the formula in stock and getting formula to mothers who need it.

Kimberly Anderson, 34, of Hartford County, Maryland, said her 7½-month-old son takes a prescription formula that has been nearly impossible to find locally. She turned to social media and said people in Massachusetts and Utah found the formula, which she paid to have shipped.

Erika Thompson, 28, a mother of three in Wallingford, Connecticut, said it’s become almost a full-time job for her to track down the hypoallergenic formula her 3½-month-old daughter, Everly, must have. She is down to one sample can, which she said might last a couple more days.

“You can travel everywhere — countless towns, stores, Amazon, online,” she said. “Honestly, it’s heart-breaking.”

She said she was unable to produce an adequate supply of milk, but she should not have to explain that to people. “It’s not our fault,” she said.

On Tuesday, the FDA said it was working with manufacturers to increase their output and streamlining paperwork to allow more imports.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Va. county, governor at odds over protests at homes of justices

From news services

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Fairfax County officials have rebuffed a request from Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin to establish a security perimeter around the neighborhoods of U.S. Supreme Court justices living in the county after some have faced protests outside their homes.

Youngkin, a Republican, made the request Wednesday in a letter to the county board of supervisors. “I fundamentally believe such demonstrations and picketing should not be allowed at the Justice’s (sic) homes as they are meant to intimidate and influence the Justices,” he wrote.

Three justices — Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett and Clarence Thomas — live in the county. Justices living in and outside the county have been confronted with protests outside their homes since a draft of Alito’s opinion that would overturn the Roe v. Wade abortion-rights decision was leaked.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay said Youngkin’s request for a security perimeter is unnecessary and improper.

McKay said establishing a perimeter would amount to creating an unconstitutional neighborhood “checkpoint” that would infringe on First Amendment protest rights. He also noted that protests that have occurred outside Alito’s home in the Fort Hunt neighborhood have been peaceful.

Fairfax County Police, for their part, said through a spokeswoman that they’re providing extra staffing in response to reports of planned protests “to maintain the safety and security of the public, while ensuring First Amendment rights are protected.”

Youngkin also joined Maryland GOP Gov. Larry Hogan in calling on federal law enforcement entities to “take the lead and provide sustained resources” to protect the justices and ensure the neighborhoods are secure in the weeks and months ahead.

Boat capsizes: A boat loaded with suspected migrants capsized north of an uninhabited island near Puerto Rico and 11 people had been confirmed dead while 31 others were rescued Thursday, authorities said.

It wasn’t immediately clear how many people were aboard the boat when it turned over, U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Ricardo Castrodad said.

“We’re looking to rescue as many people as we can and find as many survivors as we can,” he said.

At least eight Haitians were taken to the hospital, but the nationalities of all those aboard were not immediately known.

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter spotted the overturned boat late Thursday morning.

The boat was spotted more than 11 miles north of the uninhabited island of Desecheo, which is off Puerto Rico’s west coast.

Somalia election: Somalia is set to hold its long-delayed presidential vote Sunday, ending the convoluted electoral process that raised tensions in the country when the president’s term expired last year without a successor in place.

Authorities have registered 39 presidential candidates, a list that includes incumbent Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, two former presidents, a former prime minister, several top officials and even a journalist.



The wreckage of a Chinese passenger jet that veered off a runway during an aborted takeoff and caught fire Thursday is examined by emergency workers. Chinese civil aviation officials said more than 30 people were injured when the Tibet Airlines jet, with 122 people on board, left the runway at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport in Chongqing. **LIU CHAN/XINHUA**

The field includes one woman, Fawzia Yusuf Haji Adam, a lawmaker who once served as Somalia’s foreign minister.

The vote will take place amid heightened insecurity as the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which opposes the federal government, continues to stage lethal attacks in the capital and elsewhere in the nation.

The vote is behind schedule by 15 months and Somali authorities faced a May 17 deadline to hold the vote or risk losing key funding from international donors.

ASEAN summit: President Joe Biden on Thursday kicked off the first Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit to be held in Washington as his administration makes an extended effort to demonstrate that the United States has not lost focus on the Pacific even while dealing with Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

As Biden welcomed leaders from eight ASEAN nations for a dinner to

start the two-day “special summit,” the White House announced that the U.S. would commit to more than \$150 million in new projects to bolster Southeast Asia’s climate, maritime and public health infrastructure.

A senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the effort was meant to signal that the U.S. is looking to “step up our game in Southeast Asia.”

The gathering marked the group’s first meeting at the White House in its 45-year history. Leaders will take part in more formal talks Friday at the State Department.

The ASEAN nations include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The top leaders from ASEAN member Myanmar were barred from attending, while outgoing Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte dispatched Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. to represent his government.

NKorea fires 3 missiles: North Korea fired three short-range ballistic missiles toward the sea Thursday, its neighbors said, the latest in a series of weapons demonstrations this year and one that came just hours after it confirmed its first case of the coronavirus since the pandemic began.

The launches could underscore North Korea’s determination to press ahead with its efforts to expand its arsenal, despite the virus outbreak, to rally support behind leader Kim Jong Un, and keep up pressure on its rivals amid long-dormant nuclear diplomacy.

Thursday’s launches were the North’s first weapons fired since the inauguration of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Tuesday.

North Korea has a history of rattling new governments in Seoul and Washington in an apparent bid to boost its bargaining chips in future negotiations.

There was no report of any damage to aircraft or vessels.

NM wildfire out of control: The flames of a northern New Mexico wildfire have become unstoppable as the largest blaze in the country burns trees sucked dry of moisture, according to wildfire fighting managers.

Meanwhile, winds in Southern California sent embers flying in the coastal town of Laguna Niguel on Wednesday. More than 20 homes were destroyed, many of them multimillion-dollar mansions. No injuries were reported.

In New Mexico, the fastest-moving flames in the southern foothills of the Rocky Mountains were headed northeast and away from the area’s biggest population center of Taos, a popular tourist destination 40 miles south of the state line with Colorado.

The winds have made it difficult for aircraft to fly to help firefighters on the ground, but some planes managed to drop retardant on the blaze Wednesday despite winds gusting in some areas above 45 mph.

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Don't be fooled, it's all about women and sex



Gail Collins

When I was in high school — a Catholic girls' school in Cincinnati at the beginning of the sexual revolution — our religion class covered the abortion issue in approximately

45 seconds.

"Abortion is murder," said the priest who was giving the lesson, before moving on to more controversial topics, like necking and heavy petting. I still have a vivid memory of being marched into the auditorium for a lecture from a visiting cleric who assured us that when Jesus was dying on the cross, he was tortured by a vision of the sins of mankind — notably adolescent girls "making out with boys in the back seat of a car."

Now, that was a long time ago, and the bottom line was at least clear and consistent: no sex except for married couples who want to have babies. You don't hear that specific message too much in today's political debates about reproduction, but as a way of thinking, it's most definitely still there.

This week, the Senate failed to pass a Democratic bill supporting women's right to choose in anticipation of a Supreme Court decision going in the other direction.

During the debate, Republicans claimed most Americans are opposed to late-term abortion, while Democrats noted that polls show the public wants abortion to be a matter between a woman and her doctor. Easy to imagine both being true — most people are uncomfortable with the idea of ending a pregnancy when the fetus is well-developed, but there's long been a deeply reasonable yearning to keep the government out of a matter so private and personal.

It's pretty clear where we're going. The Supreme Court's Trump-constructed



Fences are seen in front of the U.S. Supreme Court Building. **STEFANI REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP**

majority will reject the by-now-longstanding understanding that a woman has the constitutional right to decide whether she wants to end a pregnancy. In at least 13 states, laws banning abortion could kick into place almost immediately.

Welcome to the land of my high school religion classes, people.

The governor of Mississippi, when asked whether the state would move on to a ban on contraception, said, rather unnervingly, that it's "not what we're focused on at this time." And dreaded Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., has denounced the Supreme Court decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which covers the use of contraceptives for married couples under the constitutional right to privacy.

Blackburn says *Griswold* is "constitutionally unsound." Not the only unnerving position — when Republican candidates for Michigan attorney general were asked about *Griswold* in a debate earlier this year, they didn't seem to know what it was about. (One pulled out a mobile device to look it up while another complained, "I

didn't know we could have our phones up here.")

Anyhow, the question is whether states that are able to ban abortion will march further into anti-birth-control territory. There's bound to be a next step. The many activists who have focused their political careers on constraining women's sexual activity aren't going to just declare victory and go home.

In Louisiana, lawmakers are considering a proposal to classify ending a pregnancy at any point from the moment of fertilization as homicide. And the Idaho Legislature may hold hearings on outlawing emergency contraceptives, a reminder that when we're talking about "states' rights," we should think about trusting your fate to a roomful of state legislators.

All this is basically about punishing women who want to have sex for pleasure. It's a concept with a long tradition in U.S. history. In 1873, Congress began to pass a series of laws prohibiting dissemination through the mail of birth control literature, drugs or devices. Later, when a journalist

asked Anthony Comstock, founder of the New York Commission on the Suppression of Vice, whether it would be all right for a woman to use contraceptives if pregnancy would endanger her life, Comstock snapped: "Can they not use self-control? Or must they sink to the level of beasts?"

OK, the current debate is probably not going to get quite that far. But it's important to note that the policies we're talking about here are basically a matter of legislating the religious beliefs of just one segment of the public.

The goal of the Democratic Senate bill was mainly to get the public focused on the reproductive rights issue before the fall elections. And that certainly couldn't hurt. There have to be voters out there who aren't all that geared up about going to the polls but who might be moved if they got to hear the speech by Sen. Steve Daines, R-Mont., that praised anti-abortion laws as being similar to ones "that protect the eggs of a sea turtle or the eggs of eagles."

Those sea turtles have been coming up a lot in this debate. Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., in a long, emotional speech, recounted a confrontation with abortion rights demonstrators who pointed out there was a difference between laws protecting a woman's right to choose and laws protecting endangered species.

"And I'm called the extremist," Lankford declared. He added, "If people call me a radical for believing children are valuable — so be it."

Actually, people call Lankford a radical for believing that the reproductive experiences of female water-dwelling reptiles are comparable to the experiences of humans whose offspring will need and deserve many years of constant care and concern in order to prosper.

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Musk's plans far more far-reaching



Ross Douthat

"I strongly supported Obama for President," Elon Musk tweeted late last month, part of the spree of ideological comments accompanying his continuing takeover of Twitter,

"but today's Democratic Party has been hijacked by extremists." Around the same time, he set the social media platform ablaze by reposting a cartoon showing a stick figure comfortably on the center-left in 2008 redefined as a right-wing bigot by 2021 because the left-wing stick figure had raced way off to the left. Then this week, he expressed the same kind of thought in the abbreviated style for which the site is famous: "Twitter obv has a strong left wing bias."

And now, at last, we have the news that he's likely to allow Donald Trump to tweet freely once again.

All of these comments and promises align the country's richest man with the rightward side in our culture war. But though I don't know Musk — I've never interviewed him or hung out with him in any secret billionaire lair — I think I know enough about him, and I know enough Silicon Valley people like him, to suggest that neither his tweeted self-descriptions nor the criticisms being lobbed his way capture what's distinctive about his position and worldview.

A term like "conservative" doesn't fit the Tesla tycoon. Even "libertarian," while closer to the mark, associates Musk with a lot of ideas that I don't think he particularly cares about. A better label comes from Virginia Postrel, in her 1998 book "The Future and Its Enemies": Musk is what she calls a "dynamist," meaning someone whose primary commitments are to exploration and discovery, someone who believes that the best society is one that's always inventing, transforming, doing something new.

The dynamist may not care where novelty and invention spring from. Unlike the purist libertarian, he might be indifferent to questions of public versus private spending, happy to embrace government help if that's what it takes to get the new thing off the ground — and happy to take that help from regimes like Communist China no less than from our own. And he may be willing to risk much more than either the typical progressive or the typical conservative for the sake of innovation.

For many people, dynamism is contingent — on how invested you are in the world as it is, whether you stand to lose or benefit from innovations, and where your moral intuitions lie. Even in the tech world, your appetite for dynamism depends on where you stand: If you're lucky enough to work for one of Silicon Valley's near-monopolies, the new powers of the age, you may not be that interested in further churn or change.

Musk may yet evolve into that kind of comfortable monopolist, but for now, he remains a dynamist in full. And seen in this light, his recent transformation to progressive foil makes perfect sense in light of the transformations that liberalism itself has undergone of late.

Liberalism in the Obama era was an essentially dynamist enterprise because those years encouraged a confidence that the major technological changes of the 21st century were making the world a more



Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk declared his intent in April to buy Twitter for \$44 billion after rejecting a board seat. **JOHN RAOUX/AP 2020**

liberal place. Whether it was social media shaking Middle Eastern autocrats, the Obama campaign running circles around its Republican opponents with online organizing or just the general drift leftward on social issues that seemed to accompany the internet revolution, progressives around 2010 felt a general confidence that technological and political progress were conjoined.

Ever since Trump bent history's arc his way, however, that confidence has diminished or collapsed. Now liberals increasingly regard the internet as the zone of monsters and misinformation, awash in illiberalism, easily manipulated by demagogues, a breeding ground for insurrectionists. And if digital technology has become particularly suspect, via the transitive property, so has the larger idea of innovating your way out of social or environmental problems — empowering the part of the environmental movement that wants to tame capitalism to save the planet, for instance, at the expense of the part that imagines taming climate change with fleets of Teslas and nuclear power plants.

Meanwhile, the values underlying dynamism — above all, the special pedestal given to free thinking and free speech — are also more suspect within liberalism today. In their place is a new regulatory spirit around culture as well as economics, a how-much-is-too-much attitude toward the circulation of potentially dangerous ideas, a belief in institutions of scientific and intellectual authority but not necessarily institutions devoted to wide-open inquiry.

Just as a dynamist might, at the extreme of the orientation, prefer a monarchy that protects innovation over a democracy that discourages it, some of today's progressives are making the same move in reverse: If democracy is endangered by technological change and unfettered free speech,

then so much the worse for free speech. The important thing is to save democratic self-government, even if you have to temporarily take the "liberties" out of the American Civil Liberties Union or put away your John Stuart Mill.

Whatever else Musk wants with Twitter — and obviously you should assume that he wants to make a lot of money — this seems like the ideological trend he hopes to resist or halt: the liberal retreat from dynamism, the progressive turn toward ideological regulation, the pervasive left-wing fear that the First Amendment and free speech are being weaponized by authoritarians and need some kind of check.

If this was your ambition — setting aside whether you think it's admirable or dangerous — would buying Twitter make sense?

The affirmative theory holds that because Twitter is both an essential digital town square and a place particularly populated by well-educated liberals, if Musk can make it succeed with a lighter-footprint approach to content moderation, from a dynamist perspective he might hope to accomplish two goals at once. First, he would be simply sustaining an important space in which free debate can happen. Second — assuming that he could come up with a light footprint that left-leaning users would accept — he would be gently training Twitter's liberals back into their Obama-era belief that openness and dynamism are good things, that a marketplace of ideas can work without constant ideological supervision and constraint.

The more skeptical theory suggests that Musk may be making a mistake somewhat characteristic of the Silicon Valley mentality and overestimating the importance of novel virtual spaces compared with the legacy institutions — East Coast, brick and mortar, academic and bureaucratic — that still give contemporary liberalism its actual

shape and direction. That is to say, what you see on Twitter may accelerate certain ideological transformations, but social media isn't actually the place where these shifts are taking shape.

So, for instance, if important media institutions are more doubtful about free speech than in the past, or if important academic fields are more likely to impose ideological loyalty oaths, or if important foundations and funders are creating a climate of intellectual conformity, a social media town platform is too far downstream of those changes to really help reverse them.

A free-speech-oriented Twitter can certainly surface individuals or even small-scale factions offering diversity and dissent. But institutions of employment and ambition will always matter most. At some point you need to make change within those institutions themselves, start new ones or do both.

Since a big part of Musk's success and wealth comes from looking for tech's applications in the real world it's quite possible he's already considered all of this and that he has an ultimate vision for a Twitter as a virtual network that links reformed or revitalized institutions in the real world.

Or maybe he believes that very soon the virtual will fully displace the world of bricks and bodies and that in buying Twitter he's literally buying the digital real estate where his fellow dynamists will build the great institutions of tomorrow.

It's one of dynamism's strengths that it can inspire those kinds of leaps. But its weakness is usually the same one that doomed Icarus. Sometimes you leap and have a bird's wings to bear you upward. Sometimes all you have is their disintegrating feathers — or, still worse, their tweets.

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945 Hopmeadow St
Simsbury CT 06070

A claim against the dissolved corporation will
be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the
claim is commenced within three years after
this public notice.
5/13/22 7211169

Those in favor shall vote YES. Those op-
posed shall vote NO.

Voting will be at the following polling places:

Town of Durham: Coginchaug
Regional High School
135 Pickett Lane, Durham, CT

Town of Middlefield: Middlefield Community
Center
405 Main Street, Middlefield, CT

Copies of the proposed budget will be on
file and available for public inspection in the
Town Clerk Offices in Durham and Middlefield
at least five days prior to the District Meeting.

Dated: May 11, 2022
Lucy R. Petrella, Chairman,
Regional School District 13 Board of
Education

Notice to Creditors of:
Per Chapter 601, Sec. 33-887 of the
Business Corporation Laws is notice that
Wethersfield Fabrics, Inc. is a dissolved
corporation effective May 12, 2022. Please
forward any claims to:
Address: Hassett & George, PC.
Attn: Atty David J.
Markowitz
945 Hopmeadow St
Simsbury CT 06070

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ON THE MARKET

New London CT Minority Opportunity –
Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/
MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice;
New London CTBayonet Apartments - 433
Bayonet Street. Material Supply; flat stock
metal, lumber. Our bid submits on Monday,
May 16, 2022. If additional time is needed
for your submission please call our estimat-
ing department. Interested parties are
asked to contact us at subcontracting@
silktownroofing.com. An Affirmative Action/
Equal Opportunity Employer.

Thank you,
Subcontracting
Silktown Roofing, Inc.
27 Pleasant Street, Manchester, CT 06040
O: 860.647.0198
F: 860.646.0775
subcontracting@silktownroofing.com
www.silktownroofing.com

An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity
Employer
5/13/22 7210666

Request For Proposal #03-2205

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch,
Court Support Services Division, is seeking
qualified organizations and/or professionals to
conduct employment medical services
statewide.

Proposals must be received before 2:30 PM,
on FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022. Late proposals
will NOT be accepted.

RESPONDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED
UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS
SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO
APPLY.

Proposal package may be obtained by
accessing the Judicial Branch Purchasing
Services web site below at:

www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
Employer
5/13/22 7210228

Connecticut

Extra Space Storage will hold a public
auction to sell personal property described
below belonging to those individuals listed
below at the location indicated: 70 E Main
St, Stratford, CT 06614, May 26, 2022 at
11:00 AM. Albertine Davis, 4006, Furniture
and Household Items, Paula Chakerian,
1057, Furniture and Household Items. The
auction will be listed and advertised on
www.storageauctions.com. Purchases must
be made with cash only and paid at the above
referenced facility in order to complete the
transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse
any bid and may rescind any purchase up
until the winning bidder takes possession of
the personal property.
5/13/20/22 7207947

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice To: John Doe, father of child born to
Jessica T. on 4/29/20
of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking:
Termination of parental rights of the above
named child(ren).
The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any,
regarding minor child(ren) will be
heard on: 6/3/22 @ 12:15pm at SCJM 25
School Street, Rockville, CT 06066
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having a circulation in the town/city of
Hartford, CT

Name of Judge Signed
Hon. Dawne Westbrook K. Benegyani Date signed
5/9/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure that
an attorney is provided to you by the Chief
Public Defender. Request for an attorney
should be made immediately in person, by
mail, or by fax at the court office where your
hearing is to be held.

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fax at the court office where your hearing is
to be held.
5/13/22 7208402

Connecticut

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of
Middletown (MHA) is seeking sealed bids for
the rebid of:
Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades at
Monarca Place, Middletown, CT 06457
Bid Opening date and time at the MHA,
40 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457
Thursday May 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. All
bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.
The work of the contract includes but is not
limited to: Natural gas service & distribution,
boiler & hot water heater replacement, elec-
trical service modification, and installation of
new emergency generator.
Site review by all bidders will be on Tuesday
May 10, 2022 at 10:00 am. Meet at
Monarca Place, 1325 Randolph Road
Middletown CT 06457.
Contract Documents including plans &
specifications will be available on Thursday
May 5, 2022. They can be viewed on-line and
purchased from Advanced Reprographics.
Visit http://www.advancedrepro.com.
Note: Addenda to this bid will be issued via
email. Contractors intending to bid must be
registered on the Advanced Reprographics
Planholder's list to receive direct email of all
addenda.

5% Bid Security and 100% Performance/
Payment Bonds required.
Bidders will note requirements of minimum
wage rates, nondiscrimination/equal oppor-
tunity rules (Executive Order 11246), Section
3, and related provisions in the General
Conditions.
Complete bidding requirements are noted in
the Contract Documents.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to
reject any or all bids or to waive any
informality in the bidding. No bid shall be
withdrawn for a period of 90 days
subsequent to the opening of bids without
the consent of the Housing Authority.
The Housing Authority of the City of
Middletown is an Equal Opportunity /
Affirmative Action Employer and conducts
its business in accordance with all Federal,
State and Local laws, regulations, and guide-
lines. Section 3, Small, Minority, Women
Business Enterprises and Disabled are
encouraged to participate in this process.
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
MIDDLETOWN
William A. Vasilou
Executive Director
5/6, 5/13/2022 7201206

Legal Notice Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission

The Deep River PZC will be holding a public
hearing on Thursday May 19th at 7:00 via
Zoom Videoconference for the following:
1) Zone Change 17 and 19 River St from
Village Residential to Village Mixed Use
District. Applicant: M&M New Properties c/o
Mark Marino. 2) Zoning Text amendment
application to add definitions for Cannabis
Establishments under section 2.4C,
add Cannabis Establishments to sections
4.29-4.31 Districts and Schedule of Uses
as Special Permit Use, and add use related
standards for Cannabis Retail Stores and
Cannabis Cultivators under Section 7.B
Additional and Special Standards Specific For
Uses. Applicant: Deep River Planning and
Zoning Commission. The public may speak
and submit written communications until the
close of the public hearing. Details may be
obtained by emailing zoning@deepriverct.us
or by visiting the Deep River Land Use office.
5/6, 5/13/2022 7204747

Town of Farmington Inland Wetlands Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Inland
Wetlands Commission will hold an ONLINE
public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2022
at 7:00 p.m. via an online web conference on
the following application:

Carrier Group Inc. application for regulated
activity within upland review area related to
proposed residential subdivision located at
Lots 8517 & 8518 Morea Road (west of 18
Morea Road).

Interested parties are encouraged to
participate in this Online Public Hearing.
The link to this meeting may be found on
the Town of Farmington's website at https://
www.farmington-ct.org/about-farmington/
calendar-meetings. A copy of this proposal
is online at https://www.farmington-ct.org/
government/conservation-inland-wetlands-
commission/public-hearing-documents or
please call the Planning Department at
Farmington Town Hall at 860-675-2325.

Dated at Farmington, CT, this 21st day of
April 2022.

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
Robert Hannan, Chairman
5/5, 5/13/2022 7211106

Legal Notice

An Application for Demolition is being filed
on or about May 11th, 2022, at the office of
the Building Department, City of Middletown,
245 DeKoven Drive, Middletown, CT 06457.
The property is owned by Philip J Bennett,
174 Old Road Dr., Middletown, CT 06457
5/11 - 5/17/2022 7209472

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Everton Hernandez father of
child born on 1/19/11 to Linda C. of parts
unknown

A petition has been filed seeking:
Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above
named or vesting of custody and care of said
child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, pri-
vate agency or a suitable and worthy person.
The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any,
regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on
6/14/2022 @ 2:00 PM at Superior Court,
Juvenile Matter, 920 Broad Street, Hartford,
CT 06106
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having circulation in the town/city of:
Hartford, CT
Judge: Hon. Michael Dannerhey
Signed: Debra A. Rubert - Clerk
Date Signed: 5/9/2022

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an
attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public
Defender. Request for an attorney should be
made immediately in person, by mail, or by
fax at the court office where your hearing is
to be held.
5/13/2022 7210369

Request For Quotation #03-2202

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch
invites qualified contractors to submit
quotations to provide time and material
repair service for existing Canon Facsimile
equipment statewide as well as the purchase
and service/support of new equipment as
needed.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M.
on MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022. Late bids will not
be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER
THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE
PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing the
Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web
site below at:

www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

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Employer
5/13/22 7210479

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #1120 DISPARITY STUDY

The Town of Bloomfield requests proposals
for a Disparity Study to determine and
support a compelling interest for a supplier
diversity program. Submittal requirements
may be obtained from the Purchasing and
Risk Manager, Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield
Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002 or on the
Town's website, www.bloomfieldct.org. All
responses must be received by 1:00 p.m.
on June 3, 2022 in order to be considered.
5/13/2022 7210966

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **GERARDO
RIVERA**, 369 ZION ST. HARTFORD, CT
06106-3034, Have filed an application placar-
ded **05/04/2022** with the Department of
Consumer Protection for a **GROCERY BEER
PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the
premises at **130 HILLSIDE AVE HARTFORD
CT 06106-3020**. The business will be
owned by GEE'S SPOT CORNER STORE LLC.
Entertainment will be: on-site. Objections
must be filed by: 06-15-2022.

05/04/2

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Berlin
Vincent S. Rossiwal

Bristol
Rita Levesque

Burlington
Rita Levesque

Canton
Frank Edmonds

East Hartford
Geoffrey Sorrow
Barbara S. Strader

Farmington
Paul F. Campagna

Hartford
Katherine M. Cascio
Arthur W. Radcliffe

New Britain
Melanie Borysewicz
Paul F. Campagna
Vincent S. Rossiwal

Other Towns in CT
Pierino Cascini
Frank Edmonds
Charles R. Hnilicka
Penny Young

Out of State
Charles R. Hnilicka

South Windsor
Arthur W. Radcliffe

Southington
Melanie Borysewicz

West Hartford
Geoffrey Sorrow

Wethersfield
Katherine M. Cascio

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Edmonds, Frank (Montrose)



Francis “Frank” Montrose Edmonds, 89, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Frank was born on May 27, 1932 in Queens, Astoria, New York, a son of the late Montrose and Frances (O’Rourke) Edmonds. Upon graduating from High School in Bayshore, N.Y. Frank enlisted in the Air Force serving his country for the next 10 years of his life. He was a Korean Air Force Veteran and a proud member of the 67th Fighter Squadron, often reminiscing that this time was “personally the most fulfilling and the highlight of my entire 10 years in the Air Force, one that I continue to look back on with pride”, proudly wearing his Korean War Veterans cap everywhere he went. He served in Okinawa and was deployed to the Nationalist Chinese Chai-Yi Air Base on Formosa to provide air cover for the evacuation of the Tachen Islands (operation Mother Hubbard). He received the Korean Service Medal, the U.N. Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Upon his return to the U.S. he was stationed at Mitchel Air Force base in Long Island, NY. In 1961 he received a BA in Economics from Long Island University. Over the next 30 years he was employed by Fortune 500 and smaller industrial manufacturing companies as a marketing strategist. His love of flying continued throughout his life. He was a member of the Mitchel Aero Club and the 18th Fighter Wing Association-Korean War Veterans. Before moving to Canton, CT in 2019 Frank lived in Hatfield and South Hadley MA for many years where he was active in town and state Republican Committees. His true pride and joy were his five children and nine grandchildren to whom he was affectionately known as “Grandpar”. Frank loved spending time with his longtime companion Frani taking long rides in the country and picnicking at Quabbin Reservoir. He enjoyed watching “Turner Movie Classics” and his beloved Boston Red Sox. Frank will always be remembered as a kind, patient, loving, and gentle man. In addition to his longtime companion Frani St. George and her family of Granby MA he is survived by his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Michael Krall of Los Angeles, CA and their children, Max and Sophie; daughter, Michelle and her husband Angelo DeFazio of Canton, CT and their children, Calabria, Santino, and Donatella; daughter, Rebecca Glenn of Simsbury, CT and her children, Shannon and Nick; daughter, Lisa Edmonds of Falmouth, MA and her children, Forrest and Penelope; son, Montrose Edmonds and his wife, Sarah of Ogden,Utah; and his former spouse Elizabeth Edmonds Clauss of Torrington, CT. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Robert (2018) and Larry (1961). The family would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to his caregivers, Philip and Roman for , their compassion and kindness, and to the countless caregivers at the VA Medical Centers of Northampton MA and Newington CT, and the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County. A private service will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers (flowers are not permitted), donations can be made in honor of Frank Edmonds to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org. The AGAWAM CURRAN JONES FUNERAL HOME is handling all funeral arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.curranjones.com

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Rossiwal, Vincent S.



Vincent “Vinny” Stanley Rossiwal, 66, of New Britain entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022. Born in Hartford on December 22, 1955, he was the son of the late Chester and Jadwiga Rossiwal. Vincent was a graduate of Bulkeley High School and went on to be employed by the State of Connecticut DMV in Wethersfield. He also worked for many years as a building superintendent in Hartford. Vinny enjoyed spending time with his family and going to movies. He was a lifelong Nascar fan, and rarely missed a televised race, especially when Dale Earnhardt was in it. Vinny worked for a time on a pit crew at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. One of his favorite pastimes was spending time renovating cars with his good friend Kim at Kim’s garage. He loved animals, especially Mischka the cat, and was a member of the ASPCA. In his younger years, Vinny was an outstanding JV and Varsity basketball player, earning the nickname “Spider” for his agility and skills. He was a parishioner of St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Hartford. He is survived by his sisters, Maria Brzezinski of Berlin, and Barbara Krupka of Schenectady, NY. In addition to his parents, Vinny was predeceased by his sisters Grace Piotrowicz, Dora Montgomery, and Jessica Rossiwal. He was Uncle to 17 nieces and nephews, and 27 grandchildren and nephews, and leaves many dear friends. Vinny was beloved by his neighbors as well, and quietly helped many in need. The family thanks HOCC CCU for the exceptional medical care provided to Vinny. Funeral services will be held Monday morning, May 16th with calling hours from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington; followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington. He will be lovingly laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Due to Covid, the funeral home staff will be wearing masks, and the family respectfully requests that those attending also wear masks. Those who wish may send memorial donations to Foodshare, 450 Woodland Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002, or online at www.ctfoodshare.org To leave an online expression of sympathy or for further information, please visit www.duksa.net.

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OBITUARIES

Cascini, Pierino "Peter"



Pierino "Peter" Cascini, 79, of Durham, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Cepagatti, Pescara (Abruzzo) Italy on January 6, 1943, the son of the late Arturo and Iolanda (Berardinelli) Cascini. Peter’s family immigrated to the United States in 1956; eventually settling in Wallingford, CT. The family opened a restaurant and bar on Route 5 in Wallingford called "Arturo's" which was a popular destination for good Italian food. Peter served in the National Guard during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged. After graduating college with a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and an MBA, Peter worked in the computer industry, eventually making a move into the insurance industry. He also developed an extensive tax practice over the years. Peter and his family travelled extensively to many places around the world. He had a soft spot for Italy and loved to visit family and friends in Pescara, Napoli, Salerno, and Capri. He loved opera and enjoyed trips to the Metropolitan Opera in NYC as well as supporting opera events throughout CT. He had fond memories of skiing excursions in VT and NH with “the Gang.” After retirement, Peter became very active in civic organizations and town committees. He served on various Durham Town committees such as the Planning and Zoning committee, Republican Town Committee, and most recently the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee. He was active in Durham and Middletown Exchange Clubs, rising to President of both clubs as well as the Connecticut Region. He was active in the B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge in Middletown and was elected twice as Exalted Ruler. He was most proud of his work with the veteran's affairs aspect of the Elks, organizing veterans' events and ceremonies honoring veterans throughout CT. Peter is survived by the love of his life, Karen Cascini; two daughters, Deborah Beardsley of Newport, RI and Nadine Cascini of Woodbury; two granddaughters, Monica LaRosa and Julia LaRosa; as well as his sister, Maria Cascini of Wallingford; two nieces, Mary Tiberii (Frank Calvi) of Wallingford and Giovanna Tiberii-Weller (Ron) of Meriden; extended family members in the United States and Italy; and many friends. Peter’s family will receive relatives and friends at The Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 North Main Street Ext on Monday, May 16, 2022 from 9 am until 11 am with the Elks Ritual to follow at 11 am. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Mausoleum in Meriden. In Lieu of flowers, send donations to the Middletown Elks #771 Veterans Affairs.

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Hnilicka, Charles R



Charles R. Hnilicka, “Charley”, age 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on the evening of Friday, May 6. Charley was born in Chester CT, March 16, 1929. Although he enjoyed travel and adventure, he lived most of his life within fifteen miles of his place of birth, a place he truly loved. Charley had a generous heart and a welcoming smile, making friends wherever he went. His personality lead him to work that rewarded honesty and service. He was also very devoted to his community through Rotary (50 years) and the Masons (72 years). Charley’s love of friends and family, antique cars, snow machines and travel filled out his life. He never needed much persuasion to be off on an adventure. Sunny day drives in Gypsy, Black Beauty, Casper and others over the years. Traveling countless miles with friends on his snow machine in the far northeast. Logging literally millions of road trip miles for work and pleasure, or his many trips to Alaska where he traveled by train, light plane, dog team, snow machine, riverboat and tugboat. Charley is preceded in death by his parents Julia and Karl Hnilicka, his first wife Constance Hnilicka, second wife Betty “Peg” Hnilicka and son Karl Hnilicka II. He is survived by: his sister Barbara Lavezzoli, daughters Elaine “Lainie” Kertesz, Simone Hnilicka, Carol Doyle (Dan), daughter in law Julie Hnilicka-Karns, son Charles Hnilicka Jr, grandchildren Rachael Foss-Clark (Jesse), Zachary Kertesz, Zoli Kertesz, Vincent Hnilicka, Karl Hnilicka III, Julia Hnilicka, Mara Hnilicka, Charles Hnilicka III (Sarah), Maya Doyle, Jenny Doyle, great grandchildren Ryley and Otto McLaughlin, Boston, Asher & Calliope Clark. Nieces Julie (Lavezzoli) Purcell and Kathy (Lavezzoli) Milne and their families. Also stepson Ed Smith Jr (Nancy), step grandchildren Ed III (Tina) and Eric Smith, and step great-grandchildren Logan and Jared Smith. His family will receive relatives and friends at the Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown on Tuesday May 17, 2022 from 4 to 6 pm. A graveside service will be held Thursday May 19, 2022 at 11 am at The First Church of Christ Congregational, 499 Town Street, East Haddam. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of “Charley” may be made to the Ray of Light Farm, 232 Town Street, East Haddam, CT 06423 rayoflightfarm.org

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Radcliffe, Arthur W.



Arthur W. Radcliffe of Watervliet, New York passed away unexpectedly in his home on May 9, 2022 at the age of 89. Arthur was born in Queens, New York on October 21, 1932 to William and Isabella Radcliffe; one of six children. Arthur is a veteran of the United States Navy and a graduate from Hofstra University, New York. Arthur was employed by AT&T which provided him the opportunity to reside in Italy and travel through Europe, one of his many passions. He also enjoyed watching The New York Giants football and the UConn women’s basketball. However, his greatest passion was his family. Arthur is survived by his significant other Deborah Streule of 28 years. His children Debbie Radcliffe Cassells of South Windsor, Ct, Arthur Radcliffe of Cromwell, Ct, Lynn Frazier of Columbia, Ct. Alexandra Smith of Pomfret, Ct. Christina David of Cheshamct RI., and Catherine Burgess of Dayville, Ct, his eight wonderful grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Arthur is reunited with his son Wayne Radcliffe who preceded him in death in 1981. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made at www.fisherhouse. Please visit www.wynantskillfh.com.

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Sorrow, Geoffrey



Geoffrey A. Sorrow, 75, of Lake Road, died May 4, 2022, in Bridgeport Hospital. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the biological son of the late Frederick Sorrow and Mary Cronin. Geoff came to the home of John and Bridget (Quigley) Dunn at the age of 12. He attended and graduated from Killingly Central School and Marianapolis Preparatory School. After graduation, he received a bachelor’s degree from Providence College. During the Vietnam Era, Geoff served our country as a medic in the Army. Geoff was an employee of the Social Security Administration for over 40 years. He worked in many Social Security offices in New England and the Boston Regional Office. He retired as manager of the Worcester Office. He was committed to public service and the employees he supervised. He considered it a vocation to help people get the benefits that they needed. Mr. Sorrow was a member of the Saint Joseph Church in Dayville. Upon its closure, he began attending daily Mass at Our Lady of LaSalette Church. Geoff was a very active member of the church; in addition to daily Mass, he acted as a lector and a Eucharistic minister. Geoffrey is survived by siblings Annarita (Gerry) Erwin, John (Virginia) Dunn; nephews, Patrick Murray, Gerry (Rachael) Erwin, Jr., and John (Susan) Quigley Erwin; great-nephews, Connor English and Sean Erwin; and great-nieces, Ashley (Matthew) English, Grace Quigley and Katrina Quigley Erwin. Geoff is also survived by cherished friends, Nancy Morales and Colleen Brady. In addition to his biological parents, Geoffrey is also predeceased by his loving foster parents, John and Bridget (Quigley) Dunn and sister Mary Elizabeth Murray. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Geoffrey's family from 10:30 am to 11:30 am on Monday, May 16, 2022, in Our Lady of LaSalette Church, 21 Providence Road, Brooklyn, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 am. Burial to follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Dayville, CT. Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of LaSalette Church or to the Fisher House Foundation at VA Connecticut Healthcare System, Fisher House (135F), Attn: Amanda Salthouse, Fisher House Program Manager, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com

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Campagna, Paul Francis



April 28, 1944 - May 11, 2022 Paul Francis Campagna, age 78, of Sarasota Florida, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022. He was surrounded by his children and is now at peace with his son Glenn. He is survived by his children, Courtney (Rob) Smith, Kimberly (Norm) Levy, Christopher (Katharine) Campagna, his grandchildren; Connor, Cole, and Cassidy Levy; Sean and Kyle Demeritt; Sophia, Olivia, and Luke Campagna; Jacinto, Camillo and Tiziano Campagna and his sister, Joan Catska. He is predeceased by his parents Alice and Lawrence Campagna and his son Glenn Campagna. Paul grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and raised his family in Farmington, CT before retiring in Hanover, NH, and spending his later years in Sarasota FL. A beloved father, grandfather, and friend, he was a wonderful, kind, and witty man who loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and many friends. He especially enjoyed his daily coffee routine with dear friends, Martha’s Vineyard with his family, golfing and attending sporting events. Paul was a teacher and coach in addition to growing a successful construction company from the ground up. A member of the Connecticut Wrestling Hall of Fame, and coach of 8 state championship teams, Paul took greater pride in the men his wrestlers became rather than their performance on the mat. A holder of multiple Master’s degrees, Paul took great joy in being a mentor to his students and children. He would listen intently, ask questions, and say “I am confident you will figure it out.” We love you Dad, Grandfather, and Friend. You will be in our hearts every day. Visitation and service will be held at 9:30 am Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home on 40 North Orange Ave, Sarasota Florida. Interment and a reception will follow at Palms Memorial Park (Robert Toale and Sons Funeral Home) on 170 Honore Ave in Sarasota.

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Borysewicz, Melanie



Melanie “Mickey” F. (Ogonowski) Borysewicz, 101, of Southington, widow of the late Stanley Borysewicz Sr., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Summit of Plantsville. “Mickey” as she was affectionately known, was born on January 5, 1921 in New Britain and was the daughter of the late Stanley and Mary Ogonowski. Melanie’s work ethics started at a young age driving her father’s milk truck in New Britain and also delivering hay and corn. Working on the farm helped prepare her for the many interesting jobs she would do in her later years. Some of those jobs include delivering milk for her father, The Handy Store, Maple View Dairy, Landers, Fairly and Clark, Gelco Critican, Bristol Spring and Pratt & Whitney of Southington. “Mickey” was a true “Rosie the Riveter”. She was an extremely talented brazer and welder who helped keep our military planes in the air. She was also a Girl Scout Leader of Troop #150 where she mentored 16 girls that were in the sixth grade. In her spare time, she loved to cook and work in her garden. Melanie is survived by her son, Stanley Borysewicz Jr. and his wife Kellie of Southington, and by a daughter, Lorraine Seroczynski of Bristol. She is also survived by her grandchildren; Ziggy Seroczynski and his wife Chris of Burlington, John Seroczynski and his girlfriend Lisa of Bristol and Lisa Shaw and her husband Nick of Elbert, CO., Brandon Lee Shaffer of Massillon, OH and also by her two great grandchildren, Matthew and Allison Seroczynski of Bristol and by several nieces and nephews. Melanie was predeceased by her siblings Walter, Anthony and Arthur Ogonowski, Helen Sapko and Philomena Sepko. A Mass of Christian Burial for “Mickey” will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM at St. Dominic’s Church, 1050 Flanders Rd. Southington, CT 06489. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours will be prior to the mass from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington, CT 06489. To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

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Cascio, Katherine M (Ahern)



Katherine Marjorie (Ahern) Cascio, 70, of Wethersfield, CT, passed away on Thursday March 24, 2022 surrounded by her family at a hospice house in Venice, FL after a long battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's disease. Marge is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Ralph, and their sons: Ryan Cascio of Englewood, FL; and SMSgt (USAF) Jeffrey Cascio and his wife Michelle, and six grandsons, Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.nationalcremation.com, search Katherine Cascio. A celebration of life will be held at the Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church at 511 Maple St, Wethersfield, CT. on Saturday May 14, 2022 at 3PM.

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Young, Penny



Penny L. (Klojzy) Young, 57, of Ashford, beloved wife of Steven Young, passed away on May 6, 2022. She was the daughter of the late John and Barbara (Desroches) Klojzy.

Penny is survived by her husband Steven, children Jason Young and his fiancé Ashley, and Shane Young; grandchildren Lincoln and Jasper, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Jeffrey Klojzy.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center Street, Manchester on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Kidney Cancer Association at www.kidneycancer.org. For online condolences, please visit www.tierney-funeralhome.com.



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Strader, Barbara S.



Barbara S. Strader, 89, long-time East Hartford resident, loving wife to Howard D. Strader, peacefully passed away at her home on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 with her family at her side. She was born in Bronx, NY on March 24, 1933, daughter to the late Edward and Sarah (Sipps) Sisk. Barbara and her family re-located to East Hartford at a young age, where she attended East Hartford Schools, graduating from East Hartford High School, Class of 1951. Two weeks after graduation, Barbara went to work for Hamilton Standard in the Production Control Division. She remained at Hamilton for 40+ years. Barbara was an avid golfer, a member of the Grassmere Women's Golf League, Enfield, as well as a proud member of the National Hole in One League, which she made on the 9th hole.

Along with her husband Howard, Barbara leaves two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dr. Edward M. Sisk of FL, and Francis Sisk and his wife Edie of East Hartford. She also leaves a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Evelyn Davis and her husband Richard from Oklahoma, as well as many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and great grand-nephews and great grand-nieces. Better known as Noni to her nieces and nephews, she would do anything in the world for them. In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her sister, Sarah M. McGowan

Relatives and friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday, May 14 at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the visitation, there will be a Life Celebration Prayer Service in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow the service in Silver Lane Cemetery (Sec. DD), East Hartford. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit desopoeh.com.



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New anti-violence plan hospital-based

Hartford intervention program reaches out to patients most at risk

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The city of Hartford is partnering with three hospital networks as well as local civic organizations for a new, hospital-based violence intervention program (HVIP) to help break the corrosive cycle of gun violence, officials announced at a press conference at City Hall on Thursday afternoon.

The HVIP initiative identifies patients who are at risk of repeat injury and links them to hospital and community-based resources that address underlying factors and causes of violence, according to a press release.

Toward that end, Hartford is contributing \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Funds over the next three years to the program, which includes Connecticut Children's Medical Hospital, Trinity Health of New England, Hartford Hospital and local community-based organizations including Hartford Communities That Care, Mothers United Against Violence,

and Compass Youth Collaborative.

In the past, according to Mayor Luke Bronin, there were individual partnerships between various community groups and hospitals, such as Hartford Communities That Care and Trinity, where group members would be in emergency rooms in the immediate aftermath of shootings.

"One thing that Hartford has not had — until now — is a comprehensive hospital-based violence intervention effort that brings together all three of our hospital systems and three of our most community partners working side by side to

make sure we seize that moment of opportunity when someone becomes a victim of gun violence, to connect them to resources and support and services that will last long after their physical wounds have healed," Bronin said.

HVIPs like the one announced Thursday operate under the premise that there is a brief, but critical window of opportunity to contact and engage — through the use of intervention specialists — with victims of violent injuries while they are recovering in the hospital, according to the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention, which provides the training for HVIPs.

The need for the comprehensive approach to gun violence in Hartford is stark, Bronin said, as one in five people suspected of committing gun violence in the city has been a victim themselves.

"We know that one of the greatest tragedies of the epidemic of gun violence is that those whose lives are touched by gun violence are often touched by gun violence again and again," he said. "A significant share of those who show up in the emergency room with wounds from gun violence have been there before."

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Gov. Ned Lamont walks with Jeroen Koeman, right, and Keriann Koeman, behind him, co-owners of Wicked Tulips Flower Farm, during a tour of several farms in eastern Connecticut on Thursday. The family-operated small business began in Rhode Island in 2015 and expanded last year to Connecticut. Its Preston location is one of the largest tulip farms in New England. STEPHEN DUNN PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

A stroll through the tulips

Gov. Ned Lamont visited Preston on Thursday afternoon to highlight a unique business among Connecticut's pick-your-own farms, Wicked Tulips.

Jeroen and Keriann Koeman opened the first Wicked Tulips in Exeter, Rhode Island, before opening the location at 382 Route 164 in Preston. Jeroen Koeman, a native of the Netherlands, grew up in a tulip-farming family, the pair has said. When Keriann Koeman went to visit, she fell in love with picking the flowers. The couple eventually brought the flowers to Connecticut in 2021.

The farm is only open for visits for a few weeks per year, when hundreds of thousands of the tulips in an array of 75 varieties and colors are in bloom. Visitors pay for admission to stroll among the tulips and create their own handpicked bouquets.

Admission is \$20 on weekdays and includes 10 tulips. Admission for ages 5 to 17 is \$5 and does not include tulips. Admission for 2 and younger is free. To limit the number of entries per day, tickets are only available online.

Wicked Tulips also offers bulbs for sale and pre-cut bouquets. The farm holds yoga sessions on the tulip fields, as well. For tickets and more information, visit wickedtulips.com.



Lamont talks with Paola Jeri, of Peru, at Wicked Tulips during his tour of several farms Thursday.

Everest climber adds to her mark

West Hartford woman tops own record with 10th ascent to summit

By Binaj Gurubacharya
Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal — A Nepali Sherpa broke her own record as the most successful female climber of Mount Everest by reaching the summit of the world's highest peak Thursday.

Lakpa Sherpa and several other climbers took advantage of favorable weather to reach the 29,032-foot summit early in the morning, her brother and expedition organizer Mingma Gelu said. He said she was in good health and was safely descending from the peak.

Sherpa, 48, never got a chance to get a formal education because she had to start earning a living by carrying climbing gear and supplies for trekkers. Thursday's successful ascent was her 10th — the most times any woman has climbed Everest — and she has always said she wanted to inspire all women so they too can achieve their dreams.

A native of Nepal, Sherpa lives in the U.S. with her three children in West Hartford.

Another Nepalese Sherpa guide, Kami Rita, reached the summit for the 26th time Saturday, breaking his own record for the most climbs of Everest. Rita led a group of Sherpa climbers who fixed ropes along the route so that hundreds of other climbers and guides can make their way to the top of the mountain later this month.

Hundreds of foreign climbers and an equal number of Sherpa guides are set to attempt climbs of Everest in May, the month when weather conditions in the Himalayan peaks are most favorable for climbing.



Sherpa

Cause of blaze that killed firefighter undetermined

Extent of damage, lack of physical evidence hinder investigation

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

The cause of a blaze that claimed the life of a New Haven firefighter last year could not be determined, officials said Thursday.

There was no criminal aspect to the fire on May 12, 2021, when firefighter Ricardo Torres Jr. perished, state police said. But the cause remains unknown due to the extent of damage and lack of physical evidence.

Firefighters got the call about a fire at 190 Valley St. at 12:44 a.m. A person was reported to be trapped inside the two-story house. Fire-

fighters rescued an elderly woman from the first floor, but conditions inside quickly deteriorated.

Torres radioed that he was under duress. Fellow firefighters pulled him from the second floor, but he was unresponsive and later pronounced dead at Yale New Haven Hospital.

An autopsy found Torres died of asphyxia. Fire Lt. Samod Rankins also was rescued from the structure and suffered serious injuries that required a long recovery, authorities said.

Investigators found that the fire started in the basement and



Torres

spread to the first and second floors, causing severe damage.

Torres, who was 30 when he died, was nicknamed "Tornado" due to his high energy. He had been on the job less than two years, fulfilling a boyhood dream.

Thousands of firefighters from across the state and country, including from Tennessee, Texas and Washington, D.C., traveled to New Haven for his funeral.

On Thursday, the one-year anniversary of Torres' death, New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker joined Fire Chief John Alston Jr. and other firefighters in a memorial ceremony at the Dixwell Station, Engine 6, where Torres was assigned.

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State forecasts jobs to rebound, including much low-paid work

Industries that shut at start of pandemic have biggest expected gains

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's economy over two years will add more than 118,000 jobs, a robust 6.9% gain, but it will likely continue generating an abundance of low-paying jobs.

Industries that were shut at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic and later operated on a limited basis are projected to make the strongest comebacks between the April-to-June quarter of 2022 and the same three months next year, according to the May Connecticut Economic Digest published

by the state Department of Labor.

The report compares job growth to 2021 when the COVID-19 vaccine was launched and many restrictions were eased.

Arts, entertainment and recreation are expected to gain 6,948 jobs, an increase of 29.6%, and projections show accommodation and food services will add 25,582 jobs, up 21.6%. The two sectors posted the largest job losses in the second quarter of 2020 and "are experiencing strong rebounds that demonstrate the underlying resilience of the Connecticut economy," economist Matthew Krzyzek wrote.

In addition, transportation and warehousing jobs that have been growing in Connecticut for

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Hartford drug dealer gets prison

Cocaine trafficker given sentence of more than 5 years

Staff report

A Hartford man was sentenced Wednesday to 5 ½ years in prison for trafficking cocaine, according to federal authorities. Kendall Hooks, 50, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant in Hartford to five years of supervised release, according to federal authorities. The case stems from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Hartford Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspec-

tion Service "into individuals who were receiving shipments of cocaine through the U.S. Mail from Puerto Rico and California, and distributing the drug in and around Hartford," according to federal authorities, who cited court documents and statements made in court. "The investigation revealed that Pedro Rivera arranged to have a cocaine source in Puerto Rico send parcels containing kilograms of cocaine to addresses in Hartford. When the cocaine parcels arrived, Jesus Rodriguez, a U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, delivered the cocaine to Rivera," federal authorities said in

a statement. "Rodriguez also distributed cocaine to his own drug customers, including Hooks, in the Hartford area. Hooks also facilitated cocaine transactions between Rodriguez and other narcotics traffickers." A grand jury in Hartford returned an indictment charging Hooks, Rivera, Rodriguez and 16 others with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and related offenses on June 4, 2019, federal authorities said in the statement. Hooks was held in state custody when the indictment was returned, the statement said Hooks pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to

distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on Aug. 20, 2021. Rivera and Rodriguez also pleaded guilty, federal authorities said in the statement. On April 13, 2022, Rivera was sentenced to a total of 100 months in prison, the statement said. Rodriguez awaits sentencing. The DEA's Hartford Task Force includes personnel from the DEA Hartford Resident Office, the Connecticut State Police, and the Bristol, Hartford, East Hartford, Enfield, Manchester, New Britain, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Windsor Locks and Willimantic police departments.

Cocaine trafficker gets 5 years in prison

Staff report

A New London man was sentenced Wednesday to 5 years in prison for his role in a narcotics trafficking conspiracy in which cocaine was mailed through the U.S. Postal Service from Puerto Rico to southeastern Connecticut, according to federal authorities. Abraham Rosado, 33, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer in New Haven to five years of supervised release, according to federal authorities. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Narcotics and Bulk Cash Trafficking Task Force in Connecticut intercepted a suspicious package in August 2020 that was destined for a location in Puerto Rico," federal authorities said in a statement, citing court documents and statements made in court. "A court-authorized search of the package revealed \$158,900 in cash. Investigators established a connection between Raul Robles, who is Rosado's cousin, and the seized package, and learned that Robles' and Rosado's residence on Blackhall Street in New London had received approximately 25 suspicious parcels from Puerto Rico since September 2019," the statement said, Federal authorities said

investigators monitored USPS deliveries of parcels mailed from Puerto Rico to the Blackhall Street residence, "including multiple parcels addressed to names of individuals who did not reside there. "A court-authorized search of one parcel that had been mailed to a fictitious individual at the residence revealed more than a kilogram of cocaine," federal authorities said in the statement. Rosado was arrested on a federal criminal complaint on April 8, 2021 and he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on on Feb.16, 2022, federal authorities said in the statement. Robles pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 2 years in prison on March 17, 2022, the statement said. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Narcotics and Bulk Cash Trafficking Task Force, with assistance from the New London and Town of Groton police departments. The Task Force includes members from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Postal Service — Office of the Inspector General, the Connecticut Army National Guard, and the Hartford, New Britain, Meriden and Town of Groton police departments.

Man charged with felony murder in shooting

Staff report

A New Haven man is charged with felony murder and other counts in connection with the December shooting death of a West Haven man, police said Paul Burruss Sr., 52, of New Haven, also is charged with first-degree robbery, home invasion and first-degree conspiracy to commit robbery, police said. He was taken into custody

Wednesday in Seymour by members of the West Haven Police Department Investigative Services Division. The arrest was made with help from the state Department of Motor Vehicles police, Connecticut State Police and the Seymour Police Department, police said. The case began when officers responded to a Platt Avenue home about 3 a.m. Dec. 16, 2021, on a report of a person

shot, West Haven police said. The victim, identified as Carlos Gore Jr., succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The West Haven Police Detective Bureau "conducted a lengthy investigation into the persons responsible for this homicide," and, on April 27, 2022, an arrest warrant was approved and signed by a Superior Court judge, police said.

Burruss was taken to the West Haven Police Department and held in lieu of \$1 million bail, police said. The West Haven Police Department thanked the Milford States Attorney's Office, the FBI New Haven Field Office and "the public for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation" and offered deepest condolences to the family and friends of Carlos Gore Jr.

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Furthermore, according to statistics provided by the mayor's office, estimated re-injury rates for victims of violence in urban settings range between 40% and 55%. The mayor's office also said recent research indicates that the most common needs cited for victims of violent injury were culturally appropriate mental health (51%), victims of crime assistance (48%), employment (36%), housing (30%) and education (28%). "We have to seize that chance to try to intervene when their wounds are being healed so that they can get on a different path," Bronin said. "So we can try to address some of the underlying issues that put them in a path of gun violence to begin with, whether as a victim or as a perpetrator." Dr. Kevin Borrup, executive director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's, said it's the right time for this initiative. "Right now we're seeing rates of violence that are the highest in the last 25 years, and the data we're seeing each year in 2021



Dr. Kevin Borrup, executive director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's, discusses the importance of a newly announced violence intervention program at City Hall in Hartford on Thursday as Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, left, looks on. The program is a collaboration between the city of Hartford, Connecticut Children's Medical Hospital, Trinity Health of New England, Hartford Hospital, and local community-based organizations including Hartford Communities That Care, Mothers United Against Violence, and Compass Youth Collaborative. TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT

and 2022 is going to be worse each year," he said. "It's critical we provide this crisis intervention and the three hospitals for the first time are going to work together across institutions and create much better linkages to our community partners, who frankly do all the work or most of the work for us, especially

when it comes to that wrap-around care of what happens after you leave the hospital." "This is where we need to be as a city," Andrew Woods, executive director of Hartford Communities That Care, added. Henrietta Beckman, co-founder and program director of Mothers United Against Violence, said she lost a son to gun violence in 2002. "I know first hand the trauma and all the things parents go through when they lose a loved one, and how important it is for us with this initiative to stand together to make our community better and to support our families out there on the streets," she said. Bronin noted it's just one of a series of efforts to create a safer community, which also includes the reentry welcome center expansion, building a new model for approaching youth violence, the work that violence intervention specialists are already doing to de-escalate crisis, and the efforts of the police department to reduce violence and increase the solve rate for homicides and nonfatal shootings. "We're working on many fronts," Bronin said.

Jobs

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years, benefiting from flat land and access to interstate highways, are expected to add 10,909 jobs, an 18.3% increase. Job growth has been steadily rising in transportation and warehousing, from 2% in 2016 to 7% in 2020. The transportation and warehousing sector, which generally accounts for lower paid work, did not hit a downturn. It's instead continuing pre-pandemic growth that's accelerated as consumers adapted to lockdowns and increasingly shopped online, Krzyzek said. Connecticut's manufacturers that offer high-paid work and did not shut during the pandemic, is projected to grow by 8.3%. Defense contractors that make submarines, helicop-



Veronica Barrett, a server and bartender at Tap & Vine in Wallingford, mixes drinks for customers in November. The Connecticut Department of Labor projects strong job growth in the accommodation and food service industry. AARON FLAUM/AP

ters and fighter jet engines dominate manufacturing in the state. The financial services sector that typically accounts for high-paid jobs

and includes Connecticut's marquee insurance industry, is expected to lose 1,455 jobs, down 1.5%, in the two years. In educational attainment, the greatest job growth is expected to be for those requiring no formal educational credential, 11.2%. Employment calling for a high school diploma or equivalent is expected to rise by 6.2%. "What goes with that is low wages," said Fred Carstensen, professor of finance and economics and director of the Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis at the University of Connecticut. "This is the trajectory we're on." He said economic development officials too often tout new warehouses and logistics centers, but "they don't talk about the wages." The impact of lower paid jobs, and an inability to attract higher-paid

employment, range from less income tax revenue to a greater need for social services and reduced disposable income supporting businesses and a boost to urban downtown neighborhoods in Connecticut's cities. The unemployment rate in Connecticut in March was 4.6%, the highest in New England and a percentage point above the U.S. rate. The state's economy has recovered 81.8% of jobs lost in the pandemic, trailing the U.S., which recovered 92.8% of jobs that disappeared because of COVID-19 lockdowns. Connecticut also fell short in job recovery compared with Massachusetts, New Jersey and other Northeastern states. It exceeded New York and Vermont. Stephen Singer can be reached at ssinger@courant.com.

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HSO announces Talcott Mountain summer season

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The lawn of the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center will transform into Woodstock, Detroit, 52nd Street and a bridge over troubled waters this summer, thanks to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. The HSO has announced the shows in its 2022 Talcott Mountain Music Festival, five concerts happening outdoors in July. As with previous years, most of the shows are pop-themed, with the orchestra performing a variety of classic rock hits from the 1960s and '70s.

The schedule

The concerts all happen on Friday nights, with gates opening at 6 p.m. and the concerts beginning at 7:30 p.m.
■ July 1: The summer season opens with the traditional “Celebrate America!” concert, always held close to Independence Day and featuring patriotic songs followed by fireworks. HSO Music Director Carolyn Kuan conducts. Rain date July 2.
■ July 8: “Summer of ‘69” is a celebration of the historic Woodstock

festival, with orchestral renditions of songs by Hendrix, Santana, Janis, Joe Cocker, Jefferson Airplane, The Band, The Who and other legends of the 1960s and ‘70s. The conductor is Adam Boyles. Rain or shine.
■ July 15: The “Paul Simon Songbook,” conducted by Adam Boyles and including songs from all phases of Simon’s career: from Garfunkel to solo, from “The Sound of Silence” to “50 Ways to Leave Your Lover.” Rain or shine.
■ July 22: “Michael Cavanaugh: The Music of Billy Joel,” conducted by Adam Boyles and starring the singer from the 2002 Broadway musical based on Joel’s music, “Movin’ Out.” Songs range from “My Life” to “River of Dreams.” Rain or shine.
■ July 29: The series ends with “Queens of Soul,” songs made famous by Nina Simone, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Jennifer Hudson, Tina Turner, Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight and even Adele, conducted by Tong Chen. Rain date is July 30.

Tickets

■ Single lawn tickets are \$27.50 for adults (\$32.50 on the day of the

concert) or \$5 for children. “Grass passes” are packages of multiple tickets for sitting on the lawn, which can be used in any combination. Packages of 10 adult lawn tickets are \$235, 10 children’s lawn tickets are \$45 or “family packages” of 6 adult and 6 child lawn tickets for \$165.
■ Eight-person tables in front of the stage are \$50 per seat or \$222.50 for the season for one person; and \$400 for a full table for a single concert, or \$1,785 for a full table for the season.
Parking passes are \$10 per vehicle at Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center and free at numerous locations near the center, plus a free shuttle bus from Henry James Memorial Middle School on concert nights.
The current HSO Masterworks season ends June 10 with “Beethoven’s Ninth,” three weeks before the start of the Talcott Mountain Music Festival.
The Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center is at 22 Iron Horse Blvd. in Simsbury. More information on symphony events is at hartfordsymphony.org.

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The 2022 Talcott Mountain Music Festival will open with the traditional “Celebrate America!” concert and also includes tributes to Woodstock, pop divas, Billy Joel and Paul Simon. **HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

New Works fest offers free readings of new plays

TheaterWorks event returns with mix of live, virtual offerings

Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

TheaterWorks Hartford is known for Connecticut premieres of recent off-Broadway hits or shows by up-and-coming regional theater talents. The theater is also known for developing new works on its own and has a history of sharing that development process through public readings. That process changed during the pandemic when TheaterWorks presented readings in a virtual format.
This year, for the return of its six-day, free New Works Festival, TheaterWorks is offering both live and virtual. Three play readings will be pre-recorded and streamed for the duration of the festival, May 16 to 22, with special live talkback events for each. One play will be done live on the TheaterWorks stage on May 21, followed by a talkback, a panel discussion and a cocktail party.
“Some people don’t feel completely comfortable going to the theater,” says Tracy Brigden, who helped organize the festival. The three streaming events are:

■ “The Drop Off” by James Anthony Tyler, directed by Shariffa Ali, with a live online talkback on May 20 at 7 p.m. The theater describes the play as “the heart-felt and moving story of a mother/daughter relationship overcoming the challenges of Alzheimer’s, aging and the past.”
■ “Egress” by Melissa Crespo and Sarah Saltwick, directed by Caitlin Sullivan, described as “a provocative psychological thriller that draws us into the mind of an architecture professor struggling to share her expertise while facing her own fears.” The online talkback is May 21 at 7 p.m.
■ “Andy Warhol Presents: The Cocaine Play” by Terry Guest, directed by Mikael Burke, which TheaterWorks calls “a surreal and emotional examination of fame, art, beauty, love and betrayal through the lens of Andy Warhol and friends, reimagined as Black characters. The online talkback is May 22 at 1 p.m.
The full day of live events on May 21 at TheaterWorks, 233 Pearl St., Hartford, are:
■ A live onstage reading of “Dearly Beloved” by Brooke Berman, directed by Michael Barakiva at 2 p.m., followed by a talkback at 3:45 p.m. The script is described as “a witty, Gen-X coming-of-age comedy set in the East Village when it was still the East Village.”

■ A “New Work” panel discussion at 4:30 p.m. featuring Brigden, Ruggiero, Michael Barakiva of the Hangar Theatre in Ithaca, New York (and the director of the “Dearly Beloved” reading) and Long Wharf Theatre artistic director Jacob Padrón. The panel intends to discuss “what makes a great play,” the play development process and the current state of regional theater in America.
■ A cocktail reception in the TheaterWorks lobby at 5:30 p.m.
Brigden was the associate artistic director at Hartford Stage in the late 1990s, where she helped start the “Brand New” play-reading series there. She left Hartford in 2001 to become the artistic director of City Theatre in Pittsburgh, where she stayed for 16 years.
Now back in Connecticut, Brigden directed “The Lifespan of a Fact” at TheaterWorks in 2020. She is serving as an artistic consultant to TheaterWorks Hartford while that company continues its search for a new associate artistic director. She chose not to direct any of the readings in this year’s festival, preferring to act as a producer.
Developing new works is “different for every theater,” Brigden says. “I generally am in the know in terms of who’s writing what. TheaterWorks already had

a bunch of scripts that had been sent to them for consideration in the regular season. We were able to come up with an interesting, diverse and exciting roster of four plays in various states of development.”
Of the four readings, two are by Black playwrights, and three have female directors.
“TheaterWorks, in a heart-felt and real way, is committed to diversity,” Brigden says. Arranging the festival, she says, was similar to programming a theater season: “These are four very different plays, with four very different writers who have four very different points of view.”
TheaterWorks’ producing artistic director Rob Ruggiero says Tyler’s script, “The Drop Off,” is “something I had in the works already,” but that the other three selections for the festival “are all Tracy’s,” though he helped make the connection with Terry Guest in Chicago.
Ruggiero says he’s committed to more New Works Festivals, and he’s also insistent on paying all the artists involved, something that doesn’t always happen for readings.
TheaterWorks’ New Works Festival is living up to its name by making sure the works are as new as possible.
“We wanted them to be plays

that weren’t finished,” Brigden says, so that the writers could take full advantage of the five-day development period that TheaterWorks was offering on top on the reading. A lot of play-reading events are limited to a single rehearsal just prior to the reading.
Brigden likes the idea of bringing an audience into the development process early: “My metaphor is that when you visit a vineyard and see how the wine is made, you have a better appreciation for it.”
Actors in the plays range from well-known performers such as Lisa Gay Hamilton to those familiar to TheaterWorks audiences (including cast members from the theater’s current show “Zoey’s Perfect Wedding”) to new faces.
Brigden says that at least one of the readings would not have been able to happen if it were not virtual. Both the writer and director of “Andy Warhol Presents: The Cocaine Play” are based in Chicago, and the cost of bringing them to Hartford for the desired week of development time would be prohibitive.

All events at TheaterWorks Hartford’s New Works Festival, May 16 to 22, are free but require tickets from twhartford.org.

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The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said brush fires that swept through Middletown on Tuesday and Wednesday have been brought under control. **SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE HARTFORD COURANT**

Middletown brush fires brought under control

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Brush fires that swept through woods and open land in Middletown on Tuesday and Wednesday have been brought under control, a spokesman for the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said.
“DEEP and local resources wrapped up burn outs (purposely burning the edges to prevent spread) on the Middletown brush fires earlier this evening,” spokesman Will Healey said Wednesday night.
The fires were smaller than first reported, he said. The blaze that broke out Tuesday afternoon off River Road was confirmed to be about 155 acres and was mostly contained, Healey said. The second

nearby fire burned about 22 acres and was fully contained, Healey said.
Bordered by River, Aircraft and Freeman roads, the first blaze was caused by a downed power line, Middletown South District Fire Chief Jim Trzaski said. The cause of the second blaze on the other side of Freeman Road has not been determined but was labeled suspicious, Trzaski said.
A total of 10 fire departments provided mutual aid, along with DEEP firefighters. Healey said DEEP crews were back on site Thursday securing the edges of the fire scenes and monitoring. Fire danger in the state remains very high.

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Report: Meat firms knew of virus danger to workers

Trade group balks at House panel’s account slamming industry, Trump team

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — At the height of the pandemic, the meat processing industry worked closely with political appointees in the Trump administration to stave off health restrictions and keep slaughterhouses open even as COVID-19 spread rapidly among workers, according to a congressional report released Thursday.

The report by the House’s Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis said meat companies pushed to keep their plants open even though they knew workers were at high risk of catching the virus.

The lobbying led to health and labor officials watering down their recommendations for the industry and culminated in an executive order President Donald Trump issued in the spring of 2020 designating meat plants as critical infrastructure that needed to remain open.

Democratic Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, who leads the subcommittee, said USDA officials and the industry prioritized

production and profits over the health of workers and communities as at least 59,000 workers caught the virus and 269 workers died.

The report is based on communications between industry executives, lobbyists and USDA officials and other documents the committee received from government agencies, Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, JBS, Cargill, National Beef, Hormel and other companies. Those firms control 85% of the beef market and 70% of pork production nationwide.

The North American Meat Institute trade group said the report distorts the truth and ignores steps companies took as they spent billions of dollars to retool plants and purchase protective gear for workers.

“The House Select Committee has done the nation a disservice,” the trade group’s President and CEO Julie Anna Potts said. “The committee could have tried to learn what the industry did to stop the spread of COVID-19 among meat and poultry workers, reducing positive cases associated with the industry while cases were surging

across the country. Instead, the committee uses 20/20 hindsight and cherry-picks data to support a narrative that is completely unrepresentative of the early days of an unprecedented national emergency.”

The report said meat companies pushed to make government recommendations to require masks to be worn, install dividers between work stations and encourage social distancing in their plants optional.

The report cited a message that a Koch Foods executive sent a lobbyist in the spring of 2020 that said the industry shouldn’t do more than screen employees’ temperatures at the door of plants.

The lobbyist agreed and said, “Now to get rid of those pesky health departments!”

To that end, the report said USDA officials — at the behest of meat companies — tried to use Trump’s executive order to stop state and local health officials from ordering plant shutdowns.

Emails show that the companies themselves submitted a draft of the executive order to the administration days before it was issued.

Producer prices in US jumped 11% last month

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. producer prices soared 11% in April from a year earlier, a hefty gain that indicates high inflation will remain a burden for consumers and businesses in the months ahead.

The Labor Department said Thursday that its producer price index — which measures inflation before it reaches consumers — climbed 0.5% in April from March. That is a slowdown from the previous month, however, when it jumped 1.6%.

The report included some signs that price increases are moderating, but at a painfully high level.

The year-over-year increase in April fell from the 11.5% annual gain in March, the first decline in the yearly data since December 2020. And the monthly gain of 0.5% was the smallest in seven months.

Yet prices are still rising at a historically rapid clip. Food costs rose 1.5% just in April from March, while shipping and warehousing prices leapt 3.6%. New car prices rose 0.8%.

The producer price data captures inflation at an earlier stage of production and can sometimes signal where consumer prices are headed.

Thursday’s figures came just a day after the government released consumer price data for April, which showed that inflation leapt 8.3% last month from a year ago. That increase is down slightly from the four-decade high in March of 8.5%. On a monthly basis, inflation rose 0.3% in April from March, the smallest increase in eight months.

Rents rose faster as many apartment buildings have lifted monthly payments for new tenants. Prices for airline tickets jumped by the most on records dating to 1963. And food prices continued to rise sharply.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

30-year mortgage rate rises to 5.3%

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates edged up again this week, with interest on the key 30-year loan at its highest level since 2009.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate ticked up to 5.3% from 5.27% last week. By contrast, the average rate stood at 2.94% a year ago.

The Federal Reserve last week intensified its fight against the worst inflation in 40 years by raising its benchmark interest rate by a half-percentage point and signaling further large rate hikes to come.

With inflation at a four-decade high, rising mortgage rates, elevated home prices and tight supply of homes for sale, homeownership has become less attainable, especially for first-time buyers.

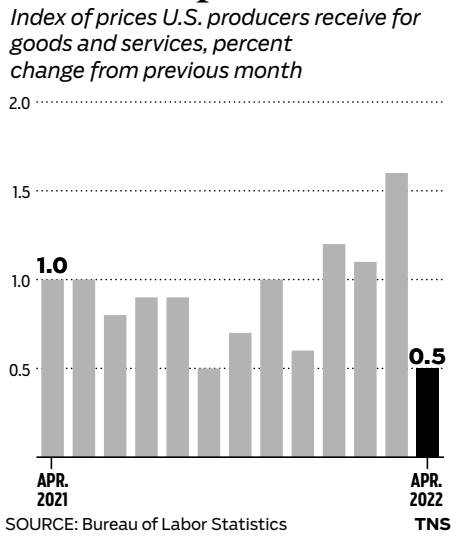
Mercedes issues sweeping recall

DETROIT — Mercedes-Benz is telling the owners of more than 292,000 vehicles in the U.S. to stop driving them due to a problem that could cause the brakes to fail.

The German automaker is recalling the vehicles and said it will offer free towing so the owners can get them to a dealership for service. The recall covers certain ML, GL and R-Class vehicles from the 2006 through 2012 model years.

Mercedes said in documents posted Thursday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that moisture can get into a brake booster housing and cause corrosion. Hard braking could damage the booster, and it may not be possible to stop the vehicles with the brake pedal. A foot-activated parking brake would still work.

Producer price index



A commuter on a New York City subway train listens to an iPod. Apple's first-generation iPod, released in late 2001, could hold up to 1,000 songs. The company said production of the iconic music player ended this week after 21 years. **OZIER MUHAMMAD/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2005**

Apple pulls plug on the iPod

Production of the device that changed consumer electronics, music industries is phased out

By Tripp Mickle
The New York Times

The iPod began with a modest goal: A music product that makes people want to buy more Macintosh computers. Within a few years, it would change consumer electronics and the music industry and lead to Apple becoming the most valuable company in the world.

First arriving in October 2001, the pocket-size rectangle with a white face and polished steel frame weighed 6.5 ounces. It came packaged with white earbuds in a custom color, moon gray, and held 1,000 songs.

It exploded in popularity in the years that followed, creating what became known as the iPod generation. Throughout much of the 2000s, people wandered the world, headphones dangling from their ears.

On Tuesday, Apple officially said goodbye to all that. The company announced it had phased out production of its iPod Touch, bringing an end to a two-decade run of a product line that inspired the creation of

the iPhone and helped turn Silicon Valley into the epicenter of global capitalism.

Since introducing the iPod in 2001, Apple has sold an estimated 450 million of them, according to Loup Ventures, a venture capital firm specializing in tech research. Last year it sold an estimated 3 million iPods, a fraction of the estimated 250 million iPhones it sold.

Apple assured customers that the music would live on, largely through the iPhone, which it introduced in 2007, and Apple Music, a 7-year-old service that testifies to customers’ modern preferences. The days of buying and owning 99-cent songs on an iPod largely gave way to monthly subscription offerings that provide access to broader catalogs of music.

The iPod provided a blueprint for Apple for decades by packaging unrivaled industrial design, hardware engineering, software development and services.

The first-generation iPod’s \$399 price tag blunted demand, limiting the company to sales of fewer than 400,000 units in the first year. Three years later, Apple released the iPod Mini, a 3.6-ounce aluminum case that came in silver, gold, pink, blue and green. It cost \$249 and carried 1,000 songs. Sales exploded. By the end of its fiscal year in September 2005, it had sold 22.5 million

iPods.

Apple amplified the iPod Mini’s power by making iTunes available for Windows computers, allowing Apple to introduce its brand to millions of new customers.

Still, CEO Steve Jobs pushed for Apple to make the iPod smaller and more powerful. The company shut down production of its most popular product ever — the iPod Mini — in order to replace it with a slimmer version called the Nano that started at \$200. The Nano helped the company nearly double its unit sales to 40 million over the next year.

Perhaps the iPod’s most important contribution was its role as a catalyst for the creation of the iPhone. As mobile phone makers began introducing devices that could play music, Apple executives worried about being leapfrogged by better technology. Jobs decided that if that were going to happen, then Apple should be the one to do it.

The iPhone continued to draw on the blend of software and services that made the iPod succeed. The success with iTunes, which allowed customers to back up their iPhone and put music on the device, was mirrored by the development of the App Store, which allowed people to download and pay for software and services.

Biden cancels oil lease sales in Gulf, Alaska

By Lisa Friedman
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is canceling oil drilling lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska’s Cook Inlet, triggering furious responses from Republicans, who are blaming President Joe Biden’s energy policies for high gas prices.

A spokesperson for the Interior Department, Melissa Schwartz, said in a statement that the Cook Inlet lease sale would not proceed because of a “lack of industry interest.” She said the planned sale of two leases in the Gulf of Mexico was being scrapped because of “conflicting court rulings,” which she said affected the agency’s ability to work on the leases.

The decisions come at a challenging time for the Biden administration. The average price for a gallon of gas nationwide hit \$4.37 on Tuesday, a record according to AAA. Surging prices at the pump have compounded inflationary pressures for consumers, which Biden this week said will be his top domestic priority.

The leasing program presents a dilemma for Biden. He has promised progressive Democrats and environmental groups that he would propel the country away from its dependence on the fossil fuels that are driving climate change. At the same time, he has taken steps to increase oil supplies to try to bring down gas prices, including calling on the oil industry to pump more crude.

Even though any lease sale would not

produce oil and gas in time to alleviate current high energy prices, Republicans and oil industry leaders Thursday seized on the cancellation of lease sales to claim that Biden’s actions were exacerbating the pain felt by consumers.

“The Biden administration’s announcement that they will cancel new offshore oil and gas production approaches levels of irresponsibility and reckless stupidity never seen before,” Rep. Garret Graves, R-La., said in a statement.

Republicans as well as oil industry leaders also criticized the Biden administration for failing so far to issue a new five-year offshore drilling plan as required by federal law.

The current plan expires June 30.

BUSINESS



The American Gaming Association said that America’s commercial casinos enjoyed their best month ever in March. Above, a gambler in February in Atlantic City, N.J. **WAYNE PARRY/AP**

US casinos made March best month yet by raking in \$5.3B

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Inflation may be soaring, supply chains remain snarled and the coronavirus just won’t go away, but America’s casinos are humming right along, recording the best month in their history in March.

The American Gaming Association, the gambling industry’s national trade group, said Wednesday that U.S. commercial casinos won more than \$5.3 billion from gamblers in March, the best single-month total ever. The previous record month was July 2021 at \$4.92 billion.

The casinos collectively also had their best first quarter ever, falling just short of the \$14.35 billion they won from gamblers in the fourth quarter of last year, which was the highest three-month period in history.

Three states set quarterly revenue records to start this year: Arkansas (\$147.4 million); Florida (\$182 million), and New York (\$996.6 million).

The numbers do not include tribal casinos,

which report their income separately and are expected to report similarly positive results.

But while the national casino economy is doing well, there are pockets of sluggishness such as Atlantic City, where in-person casino revenue has not yet rebounded to pre-pandemic levels.

“Consumers continue to seek out gaming’s entertainment options in record numbers,” said Bill Miller, the association’s president and CEO. He said the strong performance to start 2022 came “despite continued headwinds from supply chain constraints, labor shortages and the impact of soaring inflation.”

The trade group also released its annual State of the States report on Wednesday, examining gambling’s performance across the country.

As previously reported, nationwide casino revenue set an all-time high in 2021 at \$53.03 billion, up 21% from the previous best year, 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic hit.

But the report includes new details, including that commercial casinos paid

a record \$11.69 billion in direct gambling tax revenue to state and local governments in 2021. That’s an increase of 75% from 2020 and 15 percent from 2019. This does not include the billions more paid in income, sales and other taxes, the association said.

It also ranked the largest casino markets in the U.S. in terms of revenue for 2021: The Las Vegas Strip is first at \$70.5 billion, followed by: Atlantic City, \$2.57 billion; the Chicago area, \$2.01 billion; Baltimore-Washington, \$2 billion; the Gulf Coast, \$1.61 billion; New York City, \$1.46 billion; Philadelphia, \$1.4 billion; Detroit, \$1.29 billion; St. Louis, \$1.03 billion; and the Boulder Strip in Nevada, \$967 million.

The association divides Pennsylvania’s casinos into three separate markets: Philadelphia, the Poconos and Pittsburgh. Their combined revenue of nearly \$2.88 billion would make them the second-largest market in the country if judged as a single entity. It also counts downtown Las Vegas, and its \$731 million in revenue, as a separate market.

NTSB: Deadly Hawaii copter crash was ‘100% preventable’

By David Koenig and Caleb Jones
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Federal investigators blamed a deadly 2019 helicopter crash in Hawaii on the pilot’s decision to keep flying into worsening weather, and in a report this week they accused regulators of lax oversight of air tours that are popular among tourists to the islands.

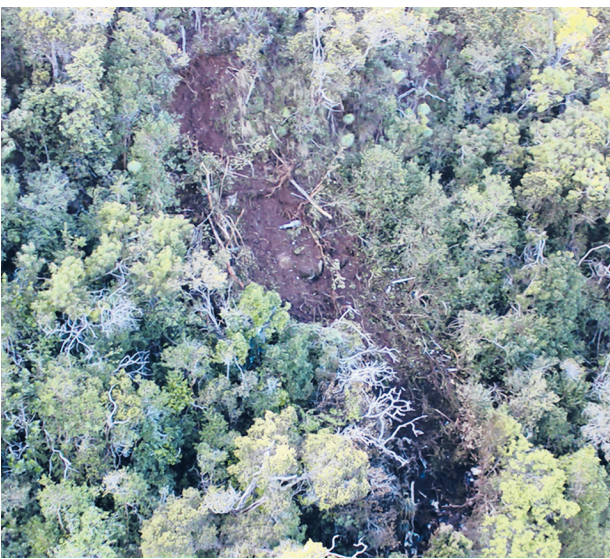
The National Transportation Safety Board said that the Federal Aviation Administration had delayed installing aviation weather cameras that might have alerted the pilot to the fog-shrouded conditions in a mountainous region on the island of Kauai. The board also said the FAA failed to do enough to ensure that tour pilots in Hawaii are trained in handling bad weather.

Safety board Chair Jennifer Homendy said some will be quick to single out the pilot for causing the crash, which killed all seven people on board, but that she was troubled more by the FAA’s role.

“The fact is that this tragedy should never have occurred. It was 100% preventable,” Homendy said. “There was minimal FAA oversight of the safety of air tour operations in Hawaii. The FAA should be leading on safety, not ceding their responsibility to the industry that they are charged with regulating.”

Kauai, with its steep seaside cliffs and mountainous terrain, often experiences fast moving weather systems that can change conditions quickly, especially in winter months.

The tour helicopter operated by Safari Aviation was carrying the pilot and six passengers — three adults and three children, the youngest was 10 — when it crashed in turbulent



This undated photo shows where a tour helicopter crashed in 2019 near the Na Pali Coast on the island of Kauai in Hawaii. Seven people, including three children, were killed. **NTSB**

weather near the Na Pali Coast. Witnesses and other pilots reported fog, rain and low visibility around the time of the crash, and some pilots had turned around.

The pilot, Paul Matero, had his license revoked in 2010 after testing positive for marijuana, but his certificate was reinstated in 2012.

A toxicology report after the crash found no drugs in Matero’s system.

Matero, 69, was not licensed to fly solely by instruments.

The FAA said it has installed weather cameras at five locations in Hawaii including two on the island of Kauai — although none in the area of the crash — and it plans to install 21 more across six islands by the end of next year.

The FAA has been operating weather cameras in Alaska for more than 20 years.

The NTSB said it found no mechanical problems with the helicopter, but it said Safari Aviation’s lack of a formal process to identify safety hazards contributed to the accident.

The FAA said it has started writing regulations

to require tour and charter operators to adopt safety-management systems to identify and minimize risks — a long-time NTSB recommendation.

“Air tour operators today can apply to the FAA’s voluntary Safety Management System program, and we have rule making underway to make these systems a requirement,” the FAA said in an emailed statement.

The safety board voted 4-0 to adopt a staff-written outline of the probable cause of the crash, along with 10 safety recommendations, eight of them directed at the FAA.

The board also renewed nine other past recommendations to the FAA, including requiring tour helicopters to be retrofitted with so-called black boxes that would aid investigators after crashes.

Currently, FAA requires the devices on air ambulance helicopters, and manufacturers include them on some models. The agency said it encourages air tour operators to equip their aircraft with flight data recorders and is considering requiring the devices.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Friday, May 13, 2022

↓ DOW 31,730.30 -103.81

↓ 10-YR T-BOND 2.82% -.09

↓ GOLD \$1,823.80 -28.80

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 31,730.30
Change: -103.81 (-0.3%)

Domestic Indexes

Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	106.13	105.71	+41.11%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.74	7.64	+107.48%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.79	3.69	+70.16%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,823.80	1,852.60	-.20%
Silver (oz)	20.76	21.55	-11.02%

Foreign Exchange		Money Rates			
ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx	CLOSE	PREV. WK.		
Britain	1.2175	.8214	Prime rate	4.00	3.50
Canada	.7649	1.3073	3-mo. T-Bill	0.97	0.85
China	.1473	6.7870	6-mo. T-Bill	1.42	1.36
Euro	1.0371	.9642	5-yr T-Note	2.81	3.01
Japan	.007806	128.11	10-yr T-Note	2.82	3.06
Mexico	.049179	20.3341	30-yr T-Bond	2.99	3.16

Global Markets				
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,739.64	-89.00	-.64%	-13.50%
London	7,233.34	-114.32	-1.56%	-2.05%
Hong Kong	19,380.34	-444.23	-2.24%	-17.17%
Nikkei	25,748.72	-464.92	-1.77%	-10.57%

Stocks of Local Interest									
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	11.20	+.83	-58.8		Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	191.24	+2.50	-43.1	
AT&T Inc (T)	19.72	-.29	-19.8		MetLife Inc (MET)	62.91	-1.21	+.7	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	87.06	-.86	-39.5		Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	255.35	-5.20	-24.1	
Affirm Holdings Inc (AFRM)	18.04	+3.41	-82.1		Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.87	+.07	-83.4	
Allena Pharmaceutical (ALNA)	.13	+.06	-77.6		Novartis AG (NVS)	85.38	+1.34	-2.4	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	15.49	-.48	-13.8		Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	4.00	+.31	-57.4	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	68.63	+.26	-21.5		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	161.75	-4.55	-45.0	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.54	+.01	-16.4		Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	6.26	+.88	-57.2	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	142.56	-3.94	-19.7		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	73.00	+.10	-16.2	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.08	+.47	-11.6		Palantir Technol (PLTR)	7.34	+.63	-59.7	
Bank of America (BAC)	35.07	-.50	-21.2		Pfizer Inc (PFE)	50.39	+1.34	-14.7	
Barnes Group (B)	32.79	+1.50	-29.6		Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.52	+.10	-31.8	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2053.05	-19.10	-14.4		Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	13.58	+.13	-51.9	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.30	+.15	+22.4		Prudential Fncl (PRU)	100.16	-2.89	-7.5	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	98.25	+.26	-.48		Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	68.29	-.66	+2.3	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	13.26	-.29	-34.1		Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.48	+.48	+6.3	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	39.10	+1.51	-27.9		Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	24.30	+3.70	-76.6	
Carvana Co A (CVNA)	37.40	+7.40	-83.6		Rogers Corp (ROG)	271.58	+.65	-.5	
Charter Communinc (CHTR)	465.26	+16.91	-28.9		Roblox Corp (RBLX)	28.58	+4.61	-72.3	
Cigna Corp (CI)	260.03	-.17	+13.2		SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	59.38	+.04	-27.6	
Coinbase Global Inc (COIN)	58.50	+4.78	-76.8		Snap Inc A (SNAP)	22.77	+.93	-51.6	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	41.39	+1.55	-17.8		SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	5.66	+1.17	-64.2	
Coupage (CPNG)	11.46	+1.79	-61.0		Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	120.47	+1.76	-36.1	
Disney (DIS)	104.31	-.90	-32.7		Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.41	-.12	-7.8	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	101.37	+.20	-20.4		Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.38	+.00	-35.1	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	23.84	+.31	-9.3		Terex Corp (TEX)	31.98	-.17	-27.2	
Eversource Energy (ES)	88.92	-.37	-2.3		Tesla Inc (TSLA)	728.00	-6.00	-31.1	
Ford Motor (F)	12.44	-.39	-40.1		Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.44	+.38	-36.8	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.16	+.14	-39.2		Travelers Cos (TRV)	173.37	+.99	+10.8	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	223.49	-3.45	+7.2		Twitter Inc (TWTR)	45.08	-1.01	+4.3	
Gen Electric (GE)	73.28	+.84	-22.4		Uber Technologies (UBER)	23.29	+.72	-44.5	
General Motors Co (GM)	35.56	-1.71	-39.3		United Rentals (URI)	283.02	+2.20	-14.8	
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	2.70	+.19	-62.1		UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	478.80	-7.35	-4.6	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.10	-.70	+.1		Virtus Invest (VRTS)	169.67	+4.24	-42.9	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	192.92	+1.88	-7.5		Voya Financial (VOYA)	61.30	-.80	-7.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.94	-.08	-25.0		Vroom Inc (VRM)	1.42	+.08	-86.8	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	19.53	+.12	-22.8		Webster Financial (WBS)	46.09	+.40	-17.5	
Intel Corp (INTC)	42.84	+.01	-16.8		White Mtns Insur (WTM)	54.35	+17.43	+13.2	
Kaman (KAMN)	33.19	+.24	-23.1		World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	117.36	+.34	+16.2	
Keycorp (KEY)	18.53	-.05	-19.9		XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	51.05	-.51	-34.1	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	51.88	-1.63	-24.0		Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	16.78	-.07	-25.9	
Lordstown Motors (RIDE)	2.22	+.71	-35.7		Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	7.74	+.08	+20.9	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	15.69	+1.83	-58.8						
M&T Bank (MTB)	165.73	+1.18	+7.9						
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.52	-.55	-23.1						

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10 must-see summer flicks

Along with ‘Top Gun,’ don’t miss new movies from Disney, Marvel and Peele

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

If it succeeds in drawing moviegoers into theaters, 2022 might well be on its way to a throwback summer season approaching pre-coronavirus 2019 box office action. Is that a pipe dream? Are people ready? The last couple of years have replaced our need for speed with a plea for caution, however ignored. And caution is something the “Top Gun” ethos does not recognize.

Two years is a long time to wait for landing clearance, but “Top Gun: Maverick” finally hits the runway in time for Memorial Day weekend. Sneak previews of the film returning Tom Cruise to the role of (now) Capt. Pete “Maverick” Mitchell, back in action and bucking authority left and right, have been received with a mixture of relief and rapture.

“The typical crowd of somnambulists at Cinema-Con in Las Vegas are notoriously tough,” said IMDb.com senior editor Keith Simanton the other week. “So it’s remarkable that when shown ‘Top Gun: Maverick’ they applauded four times *during* the movie. During it. It’s going to be a massive hit.”

After that, can “Jurassic World Dominion” continue the streak?

Will “Thor: Love and Thunder” find enough that’s witty and exciting to sustain its thankfully off-center patch of the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

Is it possible for Jordan Peele, who found a huge audience with “Get Out” and then repeated the trick with a far trickier original, “Us,” to complete his trifecta with the alien-intrusion thriller “Nope”? We’ll answer these ques-



“Jurassic World Dominion” brings back old friends and new perils in a continuation of the franchise that began in 1993. UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT



In “Top Gun: Maverick,” Tom Cruise returns to the screen as Capt. Pete “Maverick” Mitchell in a sequel to the 1986 blockbuster. SCOTT GARFIELD/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

tions soon enough. Meantime, here are 10 movies to watch, and I say that having watched none of them.

Yet. Release dates are subject to change.

‘Top Gun: Maverick’ (May 27): When Paul Newman returned to the role of “Fast Eddie” Felson in “The Color of Money,”

the year was 1986 and a quarter-century had passed since “The Hustler.” Also in 1986, “Top Gun” proved that Tom Cruise, Newman’s “Color of Money” co-star, was a bona fide international box office attraction. But 25 years is nothing compared with the 36-year gap between “Top Gun” and director Joseph Kosinski’s follow-up. Cruise now

takes the mentor-with-an-edge role; co-starring Miles Teller (as the ill-fated Goose’s son), Jennifer Connelly, Jon Hamm and Val “Iceman” Kilmer.

‘Jurassic World Dominion’ (June 10): Isla Nublar may be kaput, but in this alleged franchise capper, a culmination of 29 years of foolish humans and hangry dinosaurs, the formerly extinct creatures now roam the world and share an uneasy coexistence with the rest of us. Until ... Chris Pratt returns as the species’ best pal, as do Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum, aka “the legacy cast.”

‘Cha Cha Real Smooth’ (In theaters and on Apple TV+ June 17): A 22-year-old bat mitzvah “party starter,” played by writer-director-headliner Cooper Raiff, finds himself falling for an older woman (Dakota Johnson) in this Sundance hit, for which Apple paid many millions. Same story with “CODA” last year. Same Oscar results?

‘Lightyear’ (June 17): The origin story of Buzz Lightyear, (thank God) not yet turned into a live-action rip-off. That’s next decade, I’m sure. This animated “Toy Story” prequel trades Chris Evans for Tim Allen, voice-wise. Fingers crossed for some sharp jokes and a little heart to go with the need for speed.

‘Marcel the Shell with Shoes On’ (June 24): This A24 release expands the beguiling stop-motion comic universe of the shell voiced by Jenny Slate, hero of various micro-adventures online. I love this character, so I hope to love the feature-length version.

‘Thor: Love and Thunder’ (July 8): Taika Waititi returns, directing this “Thor” continuation, which promises a formidable villain — Gorr, the God Butcher — played by Christian Bale. The conspicuous alums include Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson; the composer is one of my favorites,

Michael Giacchino, coming off his first-rate score (in a more brooding vein) for “The Batman.”

‘Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris’ (July 15): A 1950s London cleaning lady (Lesley Manville) gets the haute couture itch in this adaptation of the Paul Gallico novel. If the older pandemic audience quadrant ever returns to theaters en masse, this might be catnip.

‘The Gray Man’ (In theaters July 15, on Netflix July 22): In a reminder of how Netflix is bombing the village known as the theatrical release in order to “save it,” this \$200 million adaptation of the book series (assassins, global carnage) plays theaters for a week prior to Netflix’s streaming launch. Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans star; the directors are Marvel alums Joe Russo and Anthony Russo.

‘Nope’ (July 22): On a remote California horse ranch, strange doings are afoot: People getting sucked up into the sky, and the stallions are supernaturally restless. What does writer-director Jordan Peele have in store for our collective discombobulation this time?

‘Easter Sunday’ (Aug. 5): Now and then, a stand-up comic manages a feature showcase that really works, the way “Trainwreck” did. Here’s hoping the same for Jo Koy, in this tale of a struggling Filipino American actor-comedian and his extended, crazy-making family’s Easter week.

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CELEBRITIES



Naomi, left, and her daughter Ashley Judd are seen in LA in 2013. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Ashley Judd reveals how Naomi died

From news services

Ashley Judd encouraged people to seek help for their mental health and talked about her grieving process after the loss of her mother, country star Naomi Judd.

In an interview aired on “Good Morning America” on Thursday, the actor said she wanted to address her mother’s struggle with depression. Judd said she was with her mother at her Tennessee home on the day Naomi died, April 30.

Judd also encouraged anyone who was having thoughts of harming themselves to reach out to The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Naomi Judd died at age 76, a day before she was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame with her duo partner and daughter Wynonna Judd. In a statement, the family said they had lost her to “the disease of mental illness.”

“When we’re talking about mental illness, it’s very important and to be clear and to make the distinction between our loved one and the disease,” Judd said in the interview. “It lies. It’s savage. And,

you know, my mother, our mother, couldn’t hang on until she was inducted into the Hall of Fame by her peers. I mean, that is the level of catastrophe of what was going on inside of her because the barrier between — the regard in which they held her couldn’t penetrate into her heart. And the lie that the disease told her was so convincing.”

Ashley Judd said that her mother shot herself with a gun, but asked for privacy on other details of the death. Naomi Judd wrote openly about her depression and anxiety in her memoir “River of Time,” and daughter Ashley said it was because of this that she cherished every moment she spent with her mother.

Naomi and Wynonna Judd earned a total of five Grammy Awards together in a career that spanned nearly three decades.

A public memorial, “Naomi Judd: A River of Time Celebration,” will air Sunday on CMT.

Lamar may have baby news: Kendrick Lamar just unveiled a new album cover — and a new baby?

On social media Wednesday, the rapper

debuted the artwork for his album set for release Friday, “Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers.” In the image, Lamar carries his daughter, 2, while fiancée Whitney Alford cradles an infant that appears to be the couple’s second child.

The hip-hop star never publicly disclosed that he and Alford were expecting another baby, and Alford has not documented a pregnancy on social media. However, the artist does mention his “kids,” plural, in the lyrics of his latest single, “The Heart Part 5.” On Monday, Lamar dropped the music video for “The Heart Part 5,” which sees the musician transform into O.J. Simpson, Kanye West, Will Smith, Jussie Smollett and Kobe Bryant. The video already has more than 19 million views on YouTube.

May 13 birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 84. Actor Harvey Keitel is 83. Comedian Franklyn Ajaye is 73. Singer Steven Wonder is 72. Comedian Stephen Colbert is 58. Singer Darius Rucker is 56. Actor Brian Geraghty is 47. Actor Lena Dunham is 36. Actor Robert Pattinson is 36. Actor Hunter Parrish is 35. Actor Debby Ryan is 29.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Husband reads wife’s screens over shoulder

Dear Amy: I’m asking you to weigh in.

My husband thinks that it’s fair game to read my computer or phone screen over my shoulder, even when I’m writing or viewing something private.

I’ve asked him many times over the years not to do this, but he refuses to stop reading my screens. He definitely doesn’t like it when I do it to him.

He is saying it’s OK because my activity is essentially out in the open.

Is it rude to read someone’s screens over their shoulder? Should I leave the room if I want privacy on my own devices?

— *Invaded*

Dear Invaded: Overall, I think it’s rude to continue to do something — almost anything — your spouse has asked you repeatedly not to do, especially if this behavior is not a two-way street.

Your husband may be aggressively trying to send you a message that he doesn’t want you to use screens when you are around him.

If you take a close and objective look at your own screen usage and see that there is a genuine imbalance in the amount of time you and he spend on your screens, then this gives you an opportunity to perhaps change your own behavior to demonstrate that you have received his rudely delivered message.

Otherwise, yes — whenever he does this, you should take your work into another room.

I have seen so-called privacy filters for laptops, although I’ve never tried one. These screens allegedly completely block

a screen from view unless the user is directly in front of the screen.

Dear Amy: My niece from my husband’s side of the family has recently had a baby.

She has been seeing a counselor, due to the fact that the father of her child left her for another woman before the baby was born.

Her counselor has told her to do small things for herself like write in a journal. However, she has not been taking care of her finances very well.

She still asks her mother for money each month, but she is getting her nails done, she recently got a tattoo and she is charging things on credit cards that she obviously can’t afford.

We have given her advice on her finances, but she is still not putting forth the effort to get her bills under control.

What can we do?

— *Concerned Aunt*

Dear Concerned: Your niece seems to have misunderstood the concept of “self-care.” But she doesn’t have to get her finances under control, because her mother is subsidizing and enabling her overspending. If her mother continues to do this, your niece could sink her mother’s finances, as well as her own.

Many an enabling parent has protected their overspending offspring from the consequences of diving into heavy debt — until the debt swallows other family members.

When young parents are raising children on their own, the grandparents often feel compelled to help with expenses out of concern for the grandchild.

dren. This is laudable, but grandparents who do this must be extremely careful not to do too much.

What you can do is to encourage the mother to be extremely careful with these financial bailouts. The young mom might be using her spending to try to self-medicate her sadness away; unfortunately, this will make things worse for her.

Dear Amy: I appreciate the question in your column from “Concerned Sister” about discussing end of life wishes with loved ones.

I am a doctor in the D.C. area.

Two resources that might be helpful are “Five Wishes,” a guided booklet that helps people talk about what they want at the end of their life. This is available in English and Spanish and can be obtained for free from most primary care doctors’ offices.

The second is The Conversation Project, theconversationproject.org. It has many helpful tips and can help direct the discussion and try to overcome what is usually a fear of death.

— *Laura Quint, MD*

Dear Laura: Thank you. The Conversation Project was founded by journalist Ellen Goodman, after her own mother’s death. It serves as an excellent guide to having these tough conversations. Thank you for the recommendations.

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Subtle actor takes on larger-than-life role

‘The Offer’s’ Evans ‘definitely different’ than anything else Goode has done

By Mary McNamara
Los Angeles Times

Even in the cocaine- and-creativity-fueled orgiastic landscape of Hollywood in the 1960s and ’70s, Robert Evans stood out.

From behind an extensive selection of oversized glasses, the preternaturally tanned actor-turned-studio executive saw brilliance in scripts and actors where no one else did. In fewer than 10 years, he took the near-dead Paramount Pictures to No. 1 by launching a string of film classics, including “Rosemary’s Baby,” “Love Story,” “The Godfather” and “Chinatown,” all while maintaining a “This is Hollywood, baby” lifestyle that earned him the title “the playboy peacock of Paramount.”

He was, in a phrase, larger than life. And nothing is tougher to play than “larger than life.”

Unless, perhaps, you are an actor better known for enigmatic subtlety than joyous scenery chewing.

In Paramount+’s “The Offer,” which chronicles the epic “almost didn’t happen” journey of “The Godfather” from book to screen, Matthew Goode takes on the role of Evans, who fought for (and sometimes against) Francis Ford Coppola’s iconic vision — and what seems to be a marriage of opposites turns out to be, as such marriages often are, a perfect match.

Goode has built a career on playing the less showy parts in very showy stories: the responsible if smitten bodyguard in “Chasing Liberty,” Charles Ryder in “Brideshead Revisited,” Colin Firth’s dead

lover in “A Single Man,” Finn Polmar in “The Good Wife.” He has played more than one creepy villain but is cast more often in romantic roles. Paired with Vanessa Kirby’s Princess Margaret, Goode’s wildly seductive Tony Armstrong-Jones brought sex appeal to “The Crown” just as his Henry Talbot had, a couple of years earlier, taught Michelle Dockery’s Lady Mary to love again on “Downton Abbey.” (And to answer “Downton” fans’ most pressing Goode-related question, he does not appear in the upcoming film, “Downton Abbey: A New Era,” and does not know if his character is alive or dead.)

But even when playing a brooding vampire in forbidden love with a witch, as he did in the recently concluded “A Discovery of Witches,” Goode tends to conjure his characters’ intensity from restraint. Few actors get more out of a secondslong stare or a quirked smile than Goode.

Evans was not a man known for restraint. With a singular presence and a deeply personal cadence, he preened and strode, quipped, opined, demanded and screamed into many, many telephones. Not an obvious role for a soft-spoken Brit. And no one was more surprised than Goode when he was cast.

“Originally, they sent me scripts for another role,” he said during a recent interview, “and I thought, ‘Any day now they’ll be phoning for an audition or a meet for this role.’ And it just never materialized. I thought, ‘Well, I guess it’s going to be someone famous and someone really good, and I’ll watch it anyway.’ Because,” he adds, laughing, “sometimes you don’t watch it because you feel really wounded.”

Then, one day, his phone rang. It was a transatlantic call with all his agents. “I wondered, ‘What have I done? I’m in real trouble.’ And they said, ‘You’ve got the job, you’ve got Bob Evans.’ I was like, ‘What are you talking about? I haven’t met with anyone, haven’t talked to anyone.’ But my agent said, ‘We said yes on your behalf.’”

It wasn’t until he spoke with director Dexter Fletcher that he actually believed he’d been cast. “(Producer) Nikki (Toscano) said I was the only one they had considered, and I was like, ‘Yeah, yeah, which big star dropped out at the last minute,’ but I didn’t want to question it.”

This was well after the scandal-plagued Armie Hammer dropped out as “Godfather” producer Al Ruddy, to be replaced by Miles Teller.

“The Offer” is based in large part on Ruddy’s memory of events and is told from his perspective; it will no doubt spark the sort of debate common to scripted retellings of famous recent events. Coppola, for example, had by many accounts a much more antagonistic relationship with Evans than the series portrays.

Goode says the series, now streaming, was thoroughly fact-checked, though “as Bob would say, there’s your version and my version and somewhere in between is the truth.”

Evans was “definitely different than anything I’ve done,” he said. Since he starred in the swoony teen romance “Chasing Liberty,” Goode has done romance, mystery, fantasy, lots of period dramas and even the superhero genre — he played Ozymandias in the 2009 film “Watchmen.” Caught somewhere between romantic lead and character actor, Goode has



British actor Matthew Goode, who plays Paramount Pictures executive Robert Evans, attends the premiere of the series “The Offer” on April 20 in Los Angeles. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

become one of those reliable, ubiquitous performers whose quiet force often allows others to shine more brightly.

His role in “Downton” came about while he was shooting “Self/Less,” a film in which he co-starred with Dockery. “She said, ‘Why don’t you come and play my husband,’” Goode said. “So I was cast by Michelle Dockery.”

He is not upset, by the way, that he is not in the new “Downton” movie. “I tend to end series rather than start them, and the ‘Downton’ family is very close. And there are so many actors that it seems impossible they were able

to schedule the ones who are in it.”

Also, he had something else to do. It’s tough for even a terrific series to stand out in today’s wildly overpopulated television landscape, but given its subject matter, and the fact that it heralds the 50th anniversary of “The Godfather” “The Offer” has a better chance than most at getting the attention it deserves.

As does Goode, who, despite starring in films and series that have won many awards, has few of his own. With any luck, his portrayal of Evans will change that. Taking us through, as Goode says,

the best and worst of the man, it captures the high-wire thrill of moviemaking. Goode’s Evans doesn’t just swing big, he swings big with confidence and joy. He is larger than life because he believes that movies make life larger than itself, and Goode makes us believe that too.

At the end of filming on “The Offer,” the real Ruddy gave each cast member an inscribed glass horse head. “That’s something I’ll be able to treasure,” Goode said. “My mantle isn’t too cluttered, so I should be able to fit that up there.”

Perhaps next year, it will be a little more cluttered than it was.

Perfect ’80s housewife snaps in true-crime series ‘Candy’

By Kate Feldman
New York Daily News

Candy Montgomery and Betty Gore had everything they wanted: a husband, children, a house in their small Texas community. They bonded over car pools and church picnics, as ’80s housewives are supposed to do. Then Candy killed Betty with an ax.

“Candy,” which recently premiered on Hulu, tells the true story of the brutal slaying that shook their close-knit town in 1980, when Gore’s brutalized body with 41 ax wounds unraveled a spiderweb of infidelity and expectations.

“These two women who were given everything that they were supposed to have to be happy ... and they weren’t. You weren’t allowed to be unhappy if you had all of these things, so there was this constant emptiness that they didn’t know how to deal with,” showrunner Robin Veith said.

“Candy” spends its pilot on the fatal day, June 13, 1980, when Montgomery (Jessica Biel) drives around town running errands, and Gore (Melanie Lynskey) stays home with her newborn, left alone once again when her husband goes out of town for work. There’s an immediate understanding that this is these women’s lives, day in, day out.

“I think she kept trying to take on too much, which is true for a lot of women,” Lynskey said of her character, who she believes was suffering from postpartum depression.

“You just keep saying ‘Yes’ and offering to do more and putting more on your plate until it’s like, ‘Hang on a second, I’m so overwhelmed that I just want to sit in a dark room for a day and cry.’ You don’t know when you’re head-



Melanie Lynskey, left, as Betty Gore and Jessica Biel as Candy Montgomery star in “Candy.” TINA ROWDEN/HULU

ing to that point; you only know when you’re there.”

In Montgomery’s telling, and the one that the jury believed enough to acquit her on the basis of self-defense, she blacked out during the attack. She went into a “dissociative reaction,” her psychologist testified, a rage triggered by childhood trauma. Gore had found out about Montgomery’s affair with her husband, Allan, and confronted her friend. It didn’t matter that of the 41 blows delivered by the ax, 40 were made while Gore was still alive.

So “Candy” choreographed their fatal fight exactly as Montgomery described.

“We very specifically did Candy’s version of it,” Lynskey said. “We choreographed the story that she told in court, no added action or anything like that. There were things that didn’t make sense, frankly. It was hard to get from A to B.”

But the show spends less time on the how than the why: the actual attack isn’t seen on-screen until the final episode. Instead, it focuses on how the two women got there, both separately and together. How they found themselves alone, taking care of their children and their

houses, because it never occurs to their husbands to help. How they sought comfort in others, Gore in a group called “Marriage Encounters” and Montgomery in Gore’s husband. How their community began to close in, to suffocate them, as their perfect happy lives disintegrated.

“I grew up there. It was called Kingsville, Maryland, not Wylie, Texas, but I grew up in that town. I know these people. They’re my parents, they’re my friends,” Veith said. “I wanted to keep the feeling of the claustrophobia that comes with these wide-open spaces in the suburbs.”

Today, the real Montgomery is divorced, living under a different name and working as a mental health counselor.

“There were different expectations at that time. Women got married and then everyone around them was like, ‘Great, now here comes the rest of her life. Your major moments have been hit. You got married, and you had kids. Congratulations.’ They were in their 20s, and it was crazy to think that that’s all the expectation was,” Lynskey said.

“There’s a lot of unfulfilled potential. There’s a lot of longing.”

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You may not be aware of how much you’ve been changing, but someone could point it out. They might be struggling; however, if you’re able to show them that you’re within range of your community, that will give them space to see things more generously.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Ideas from peers could help you at work today. The way you present your idea should make a difference. If you’re able to show that your approach gets results, they’ll likely be open to change. You might not get their approval for everything, but focus on the progress you make.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Planning a fun trip could be the relief you need today. You’re probably more stressed out than you realize. Taking time to reconnect with who you are can restore your energy — even if the best option turns out to be a peaceful staycation.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The stress of having your worlds too far apart could be weighing on you now. Perhaps it’s time to bring insights from personal explorations to your family life. You need to have reasonable expectations, but you never know how planting a seed will turn out!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): An intense power dynamic could be triggering your issues with authority currently. Talking with a neutral third party can help you rationally sort out your concerns and which of them are grounded in the present moment. Letting go of assumptions that are no longer relevant might be thoroughly liberating for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel pressured to do something that’s not in your budget. Though you might react defensively, the other person could have a point! Looking critically at your assumptions about money would be good for you. Examining the details can reveal you’re able to afford more.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Working together could get intense today. Though you seem to have your finger on the pulse of the group, your attention might be directed to your role. While stepping out of your rhythm can make you uncomfortable, knowing your limits can help you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Balancing the intensity you crave with rest may be challenging today. While you’re drawn to fun, your energy has limits. Though others could be egging you on, you’ll have to find balance on your own. The demands of home can give you an excuse to take the space you need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your responsibilities at home and work may be demanding a lot from you right now. Carving out time to spend with your friends could be just the reboot you need. While you might be worried about those you have obligations to for taking a break, your needs should be understood if you keep others updated.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expressing yourself could push you forward in your career right now. When you know what matters to you, you’re likely to achieve the results you want. Dramatic financial gain may not be immediate. You have to trust that, if you work hard, the money will follow.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sorting out money and family issues could be important to you now. Refining your own role in what’s going on may help you think of next steps. You’re not the first person to deal with challenges like this, so reading about others can help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your patience for small talk might be limited today. As you power through your routine interactions, you could find yourself going deep out of nowhere. Perhaps someone else also needs this kind of conversation, so be alert for opportunities to make a positive difference.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 13, 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born.

In 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, “I have noth-

ing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter’s Square.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group’s row house, igniting a fire

that killed 11 people and destroyed 61 homes.

In 2016, the Obama administration issued a directive requiring public schools to permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity.

In 2019, Doris Day died at her California home at the age of 97.

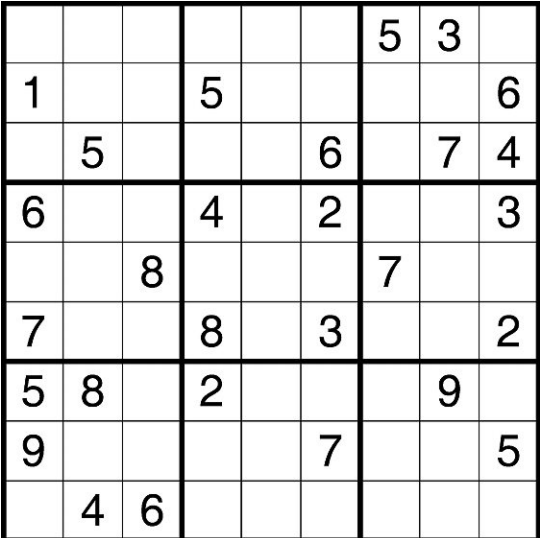
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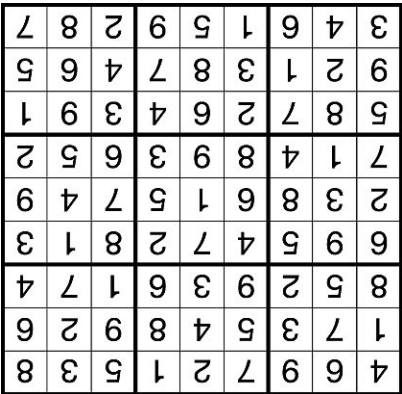
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FAMILY TREE

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BOGGLE



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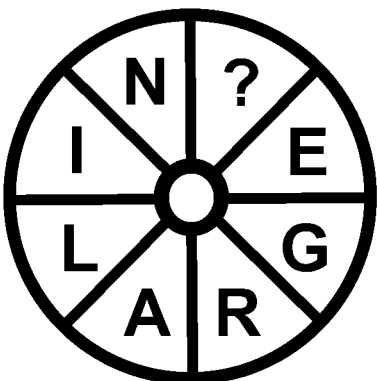
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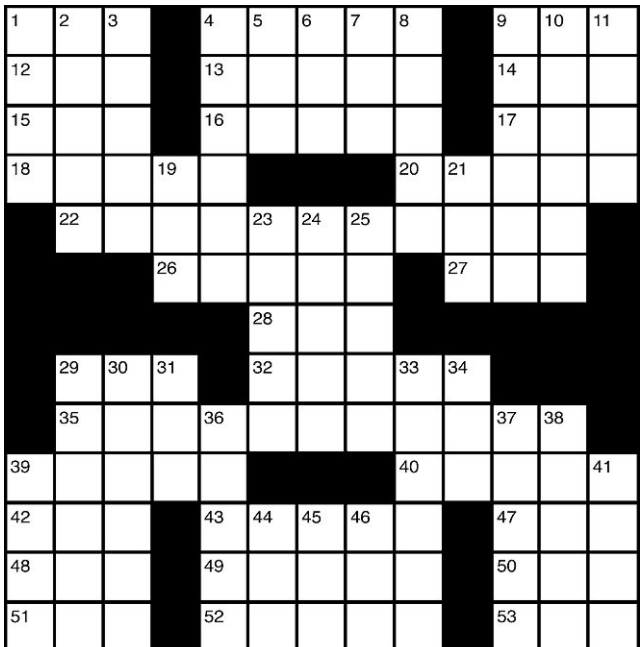


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- Refrain syllable
- Roaring Twenties actress ___ Bow
- Lucy's landlady
- "___ Morning"; ABC's early show
- Actor Romero
- "Are We There ___?"; movie for Nia Long and Ice Cube
- "___ to Me"; Tim Roth series
- Liebert of "Ten Days in the Valley"
- Actress Laura ___
- Ventimiglia's "This Is Us" role
- "It's not my cup ___"; words about something disliked
- Zellweger or Taylor

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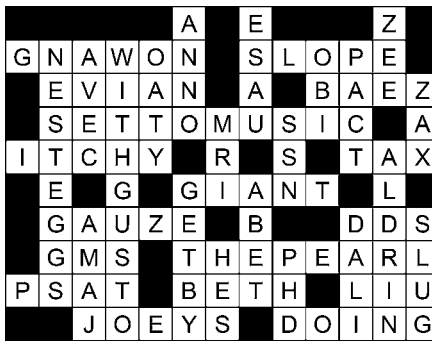
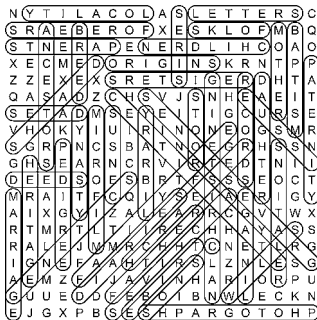
- "Gomer Pyle, ___"
- ___ Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
- "I ___" and a Half Men"
- "Who Do You Think ___?"
- "___ in the Family"
- One of John-Boy's brothers
- Deadly snake
- Valuable thing
- ___ Lee Gifford
- Take into custody
- Greenish-blue
- ___ room; large den
- "...hallowed be ___ name..."
- Well-populated Long Island town
- Actor Sir Michael ___
- Sports building
- Four-time Indy 500 winner
- Caffé ___; Starbucks orders
- "___ Age: Collision Course"; animated film sequel
- "The ___ Boy"; Jerry Lewis movie
- 180 degrees from NNW
- Malden and Malone
- "___ Waterfront"; Marlon Brando movie
- More modern
- Bullfight shouts
- Geologic periods
- ___ Sing; "Bonanza" family cook
- Miner's discovery
- Billy ___ Williams



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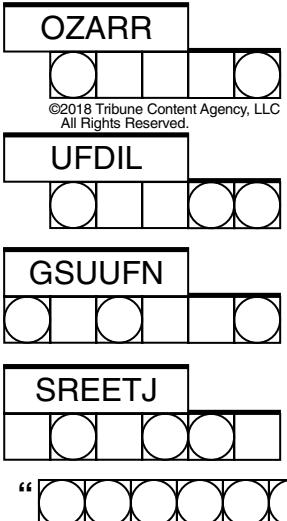
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Jumbles: RAZOR FLUID FUNGUS JESTER
Answer: The two houses for lease looked alike, but it was easy to spot the — "DIFFER-RENTS"

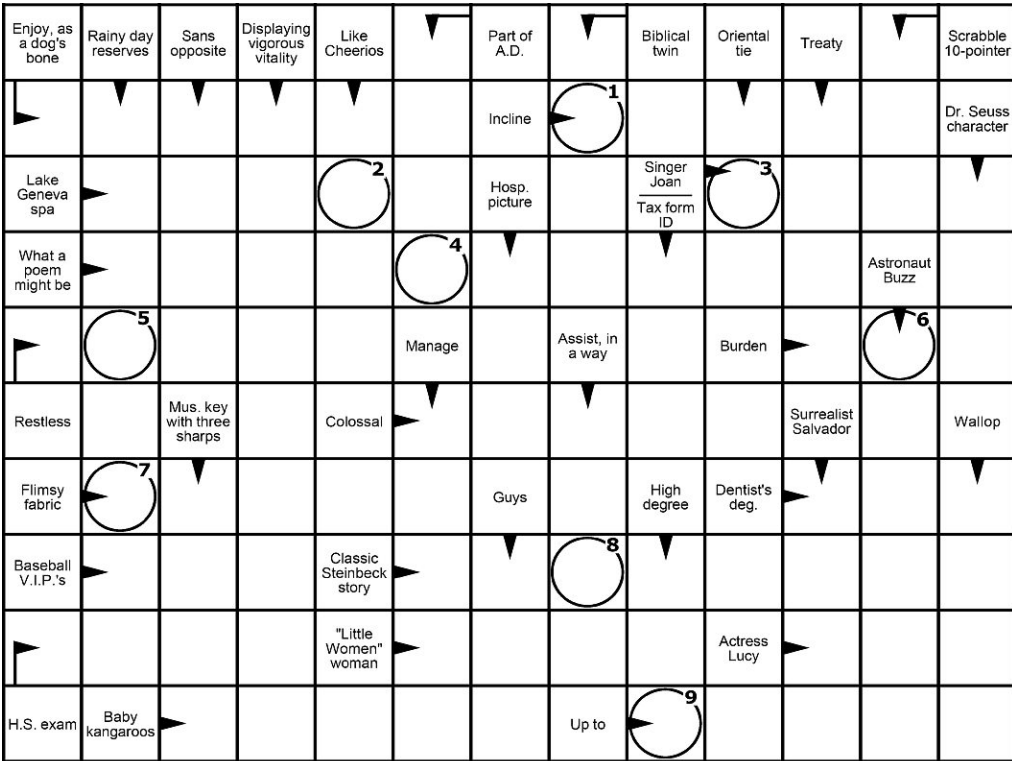
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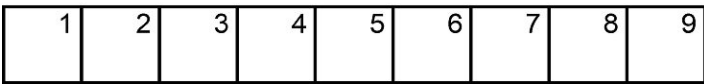
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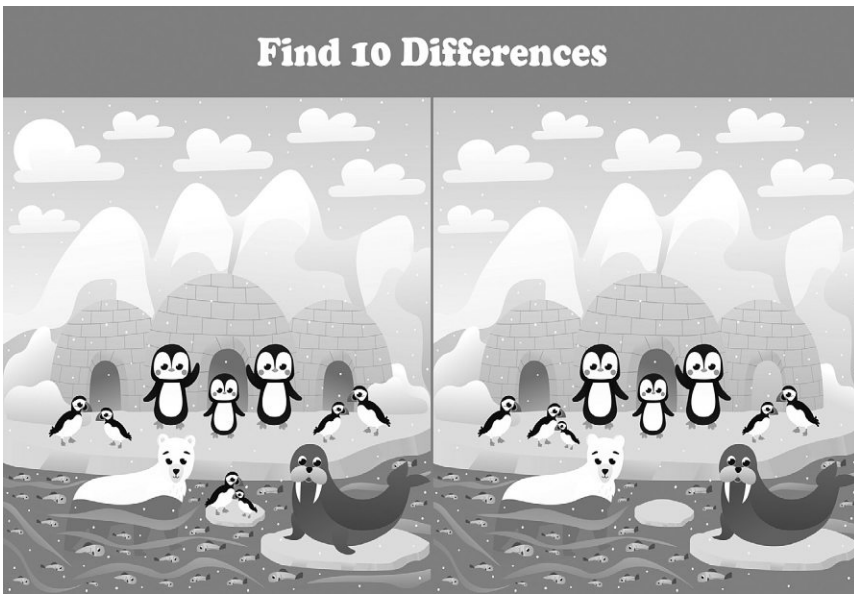
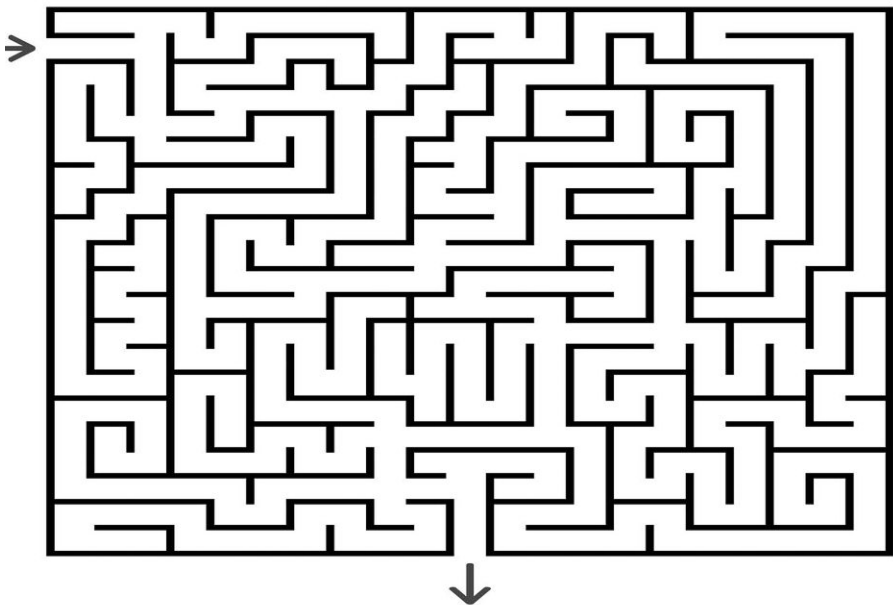


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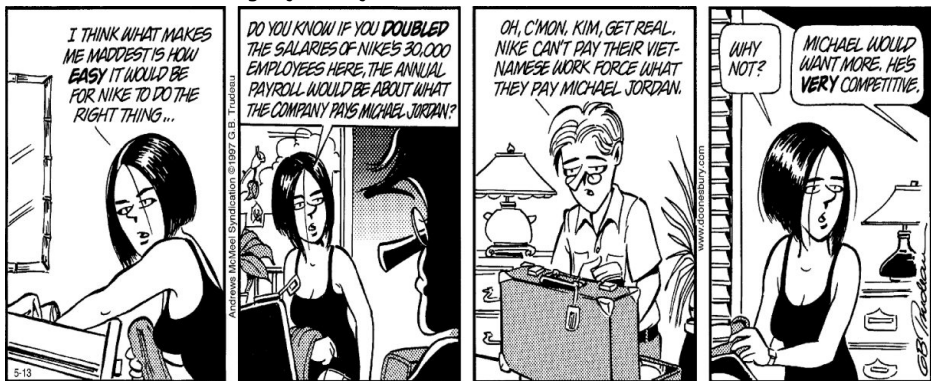
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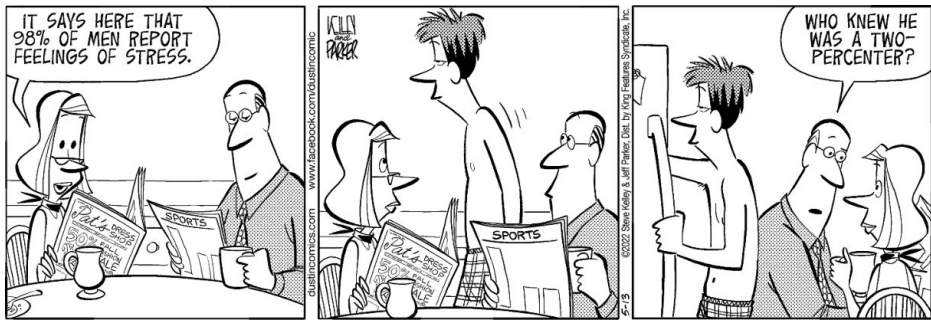
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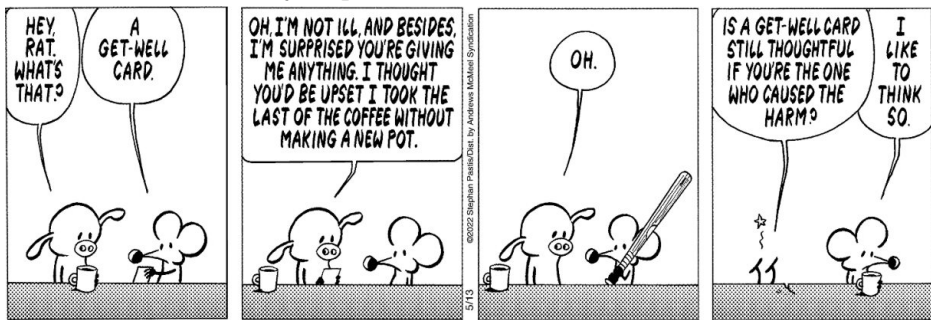
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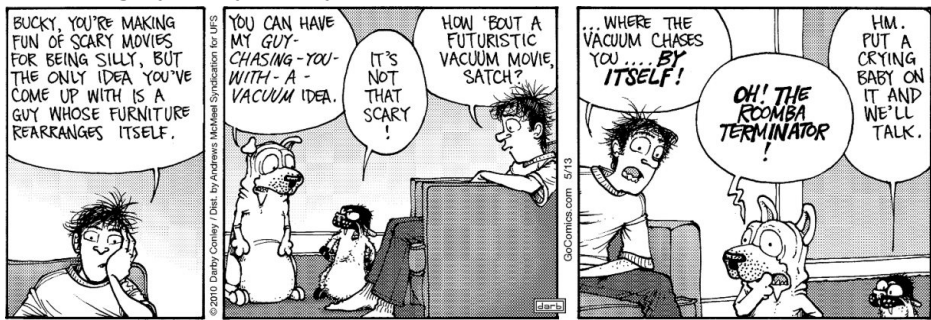
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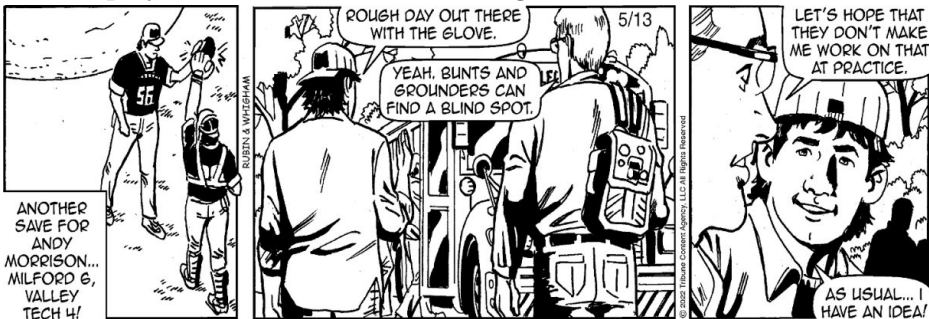
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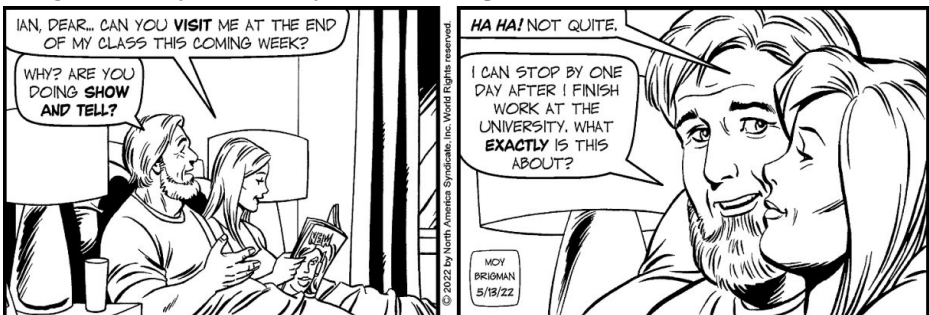
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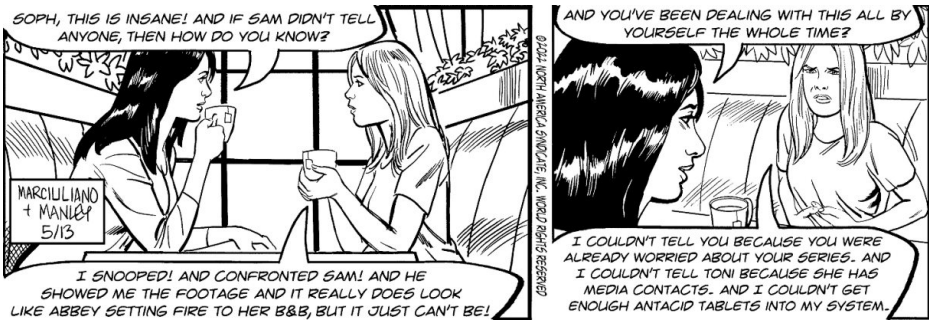
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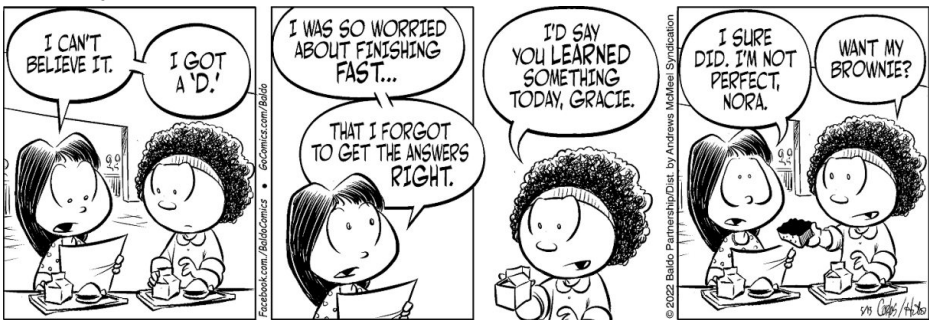
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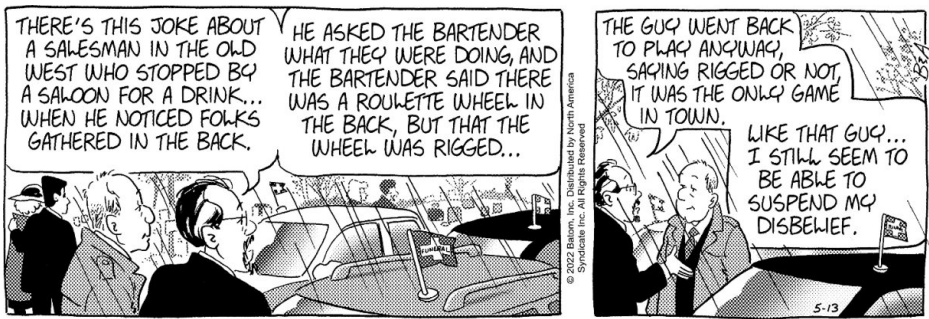
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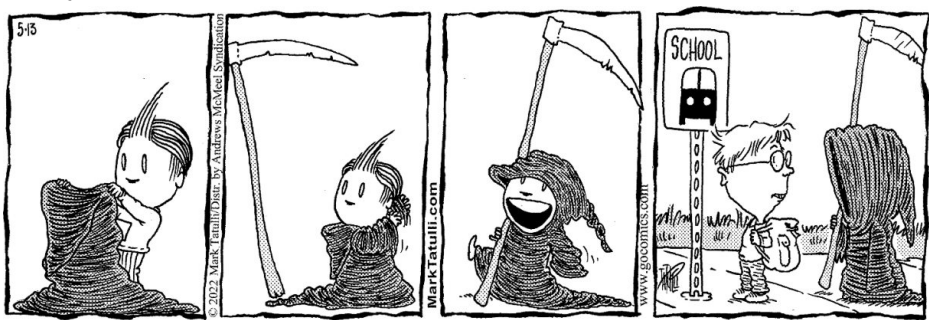
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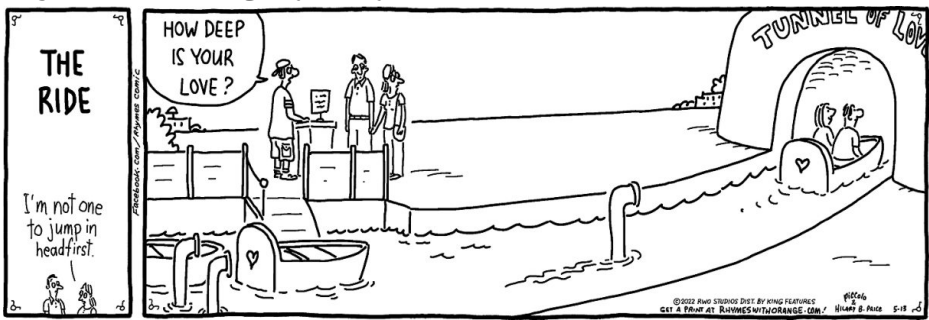
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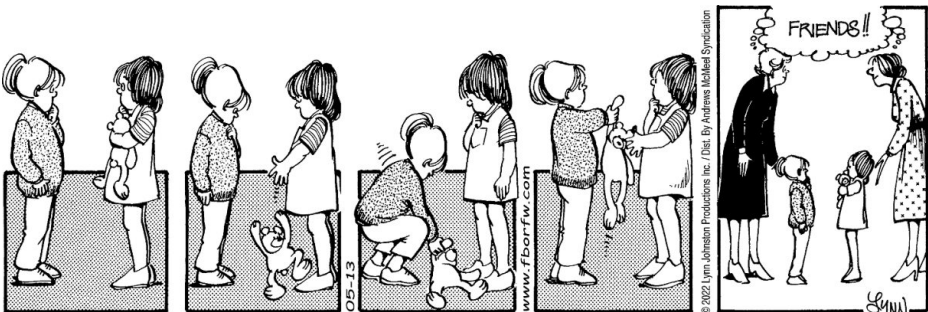
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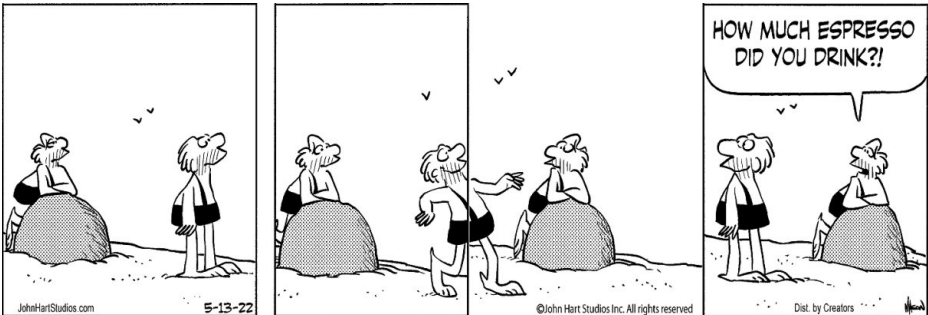
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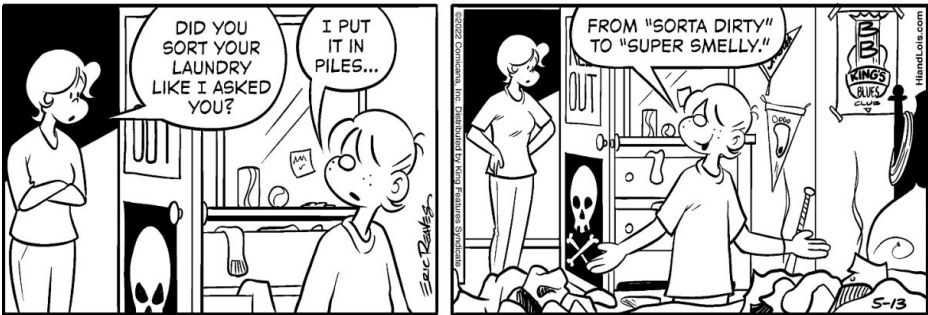
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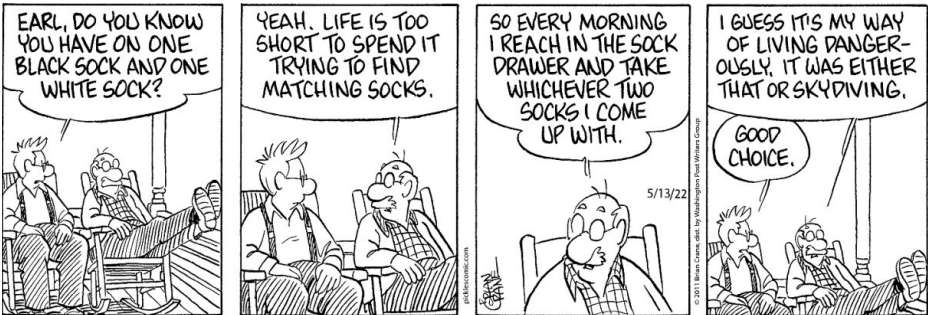
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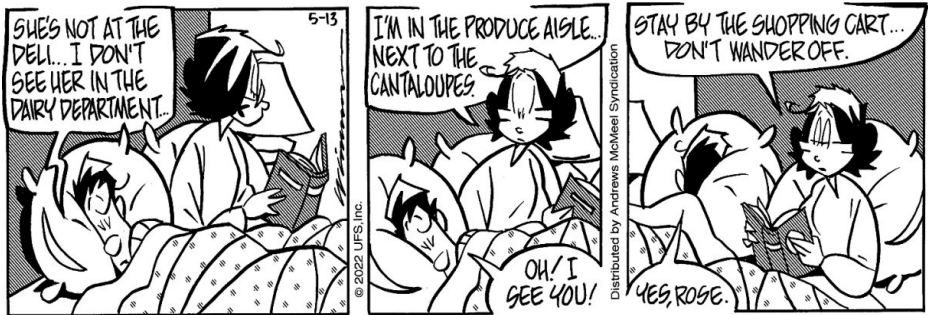
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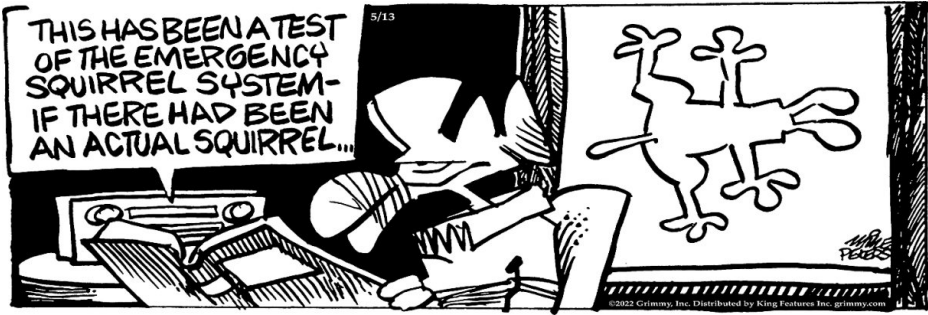
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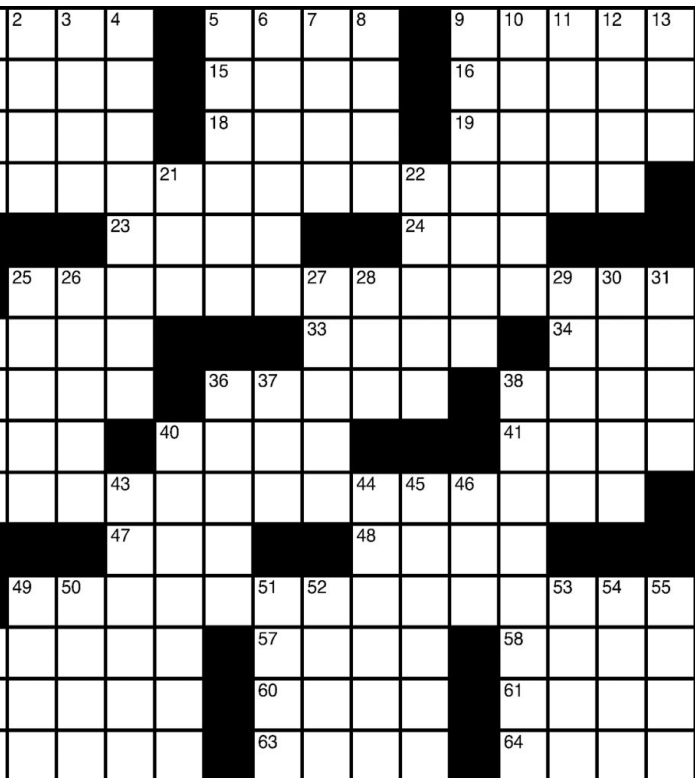
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Across

- 1 Steinbeck surname
5 Russian assembly
9 Overdoes the fandom, in slang
14 Liqueur that water turns cloudy
15 NASDAQ newbies
16 Convent outfit
17 Inadequate Wikipedia entry
18 "Cool it!"
19 Things
20 Play about the shortcomings of capitalism, abridged?
23 Capital of Iran
24 Stately tree
25 YA series about an insecure preadolescent, abridged?
32 Nutrition bar marketed to women
33 Acorn trees
34 University of Pennsylvania swimmer Thomas
35 "Love ___ Open Door": "Frozen" duet
36 See 46-Down
38 Savor the sun
39 Poke tuna
40 Garment worn with a choli
41 Annoys
42 Film about a crime in a small town, abridged?
47 Sci-fi aviators
48 Apple gadget
49 Novel about a Japanese entertainer, abridged?

- 9 Claressa who is the only American boxer to win consecutive Olympic gold medals
10 Woven floor mat
11 Lie for, say
12 "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of ___"
13 D and C in D.C.
21 Sample
22 Newsroom bureaus
25 Chinese martial art
26 "... bombs bursting ___"
27 Ancient Greek region
28 Black Hills terr.
29 Chili rating unit
30 Like junk bonds
31 Shaggy Himalayan locals
32 Payne of One Direction
36 "Don't ___ my mellow!"
37 Rolling Rock openers?
38 Closed ecosystems
40 Basket made without weaving?
43 Severe cold remedy?
44 Agile
45 Zalus, Thade, et al.
46 With 36-Across, "Big" star
49 Island in Micronesia
50 Fashion designer Emhoff
51 Turturro of "The Sopranos"
52 Con job
53 Whit
54 Take ten
55 Ocular malady
56 U.K. lawmakers



By Stefan Fatsis Tribune Content Agency 5/13/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Two double-dummy problems

1. Spades are trump, and it's your lead with the South hand. How would you make all the tricks?

NORTH
♠ 5
♥ K 7 4 3
♦ K
♣ K

WEST
♠ 7
♥ 6
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ --
♥ Q 10
♦ 10 9 6
♣ Q 3

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ 5
♦ A J 8
♣ A 10

Cash the diamond ace and lead the jack. If West covers with the queen, ruff in dummy, overtake the king of clubs with your ace and play the queen of spades, placing East under severe pressure.

He cannot spare a heart, which would make all of dummy's hearts good; he cannot spare the diamond ten because you'd then cash your eight, squeezing him again; nor can he spare the club queen because you'd cash your ten, continuing the remorseless squeeze. If West ducks the diamond jack, you discard a heart from dummy, ruff the diamond eight, overtake the club king and play the queen of spades, placing East once again in the same hopeless predicament.

2. You are on the lead with the South hand and, with diamonds as trump, must make five of the last six tricks. How would you proceed?

NORTH
♠ A 2
♥ A Q 6
♦ Q
♣ --

WEST
♠ K Q
♥ 10

EAST
♠ 3
♥ K J 8

♠ --
♣ K 5 3

♠ --
♣ A Q

SOUTH

♠ 4
♥ 2
♦ K
♣ 6 4 2

Play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. East is forced to discard a club on this trick and, furthermore, must discard the ace. (If he discards the queen, you play the deuce of clubs next and discard a heart from dummy, forcing East to win and return a heart into dummy's A-Q.)

Now lead the deuce of clubs. If West plays low, you discard a heart, forcing East to win and return a heart. If West instead goes up with the king of clubs to stop East from being endplayed, you ruff in dummy and play the six of hearts.

If East wins the heart, he must yield two heart tricks to dummy; if West wins the heart, he must yield two club tricks to your 6-4!

Tomorrow: Handle with care.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

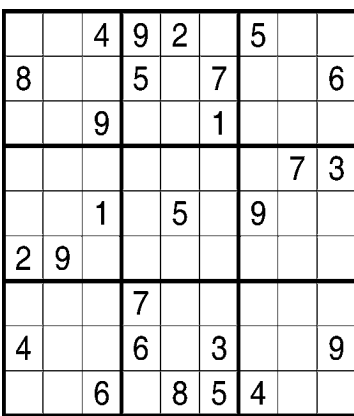
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Print your answer here: _____

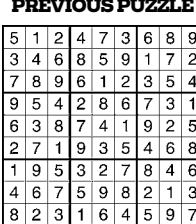
Yesterday's Jumbles: WHINE LIMIT SUGARY FATHER
Answer: When she saw that the stallion was going to eat all the hay himself, it was the -- FINAL STRAW

TODAY'S SUDOKU

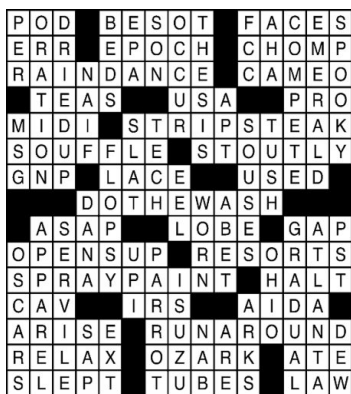


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

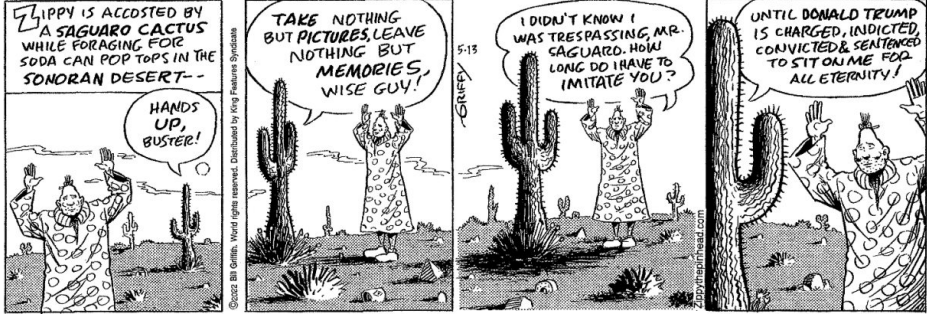
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NFL SCHEDULE RELEASE PATRIOTS

Taking their talents to South Beach

Patriots start 2022 in Miami, home opener is Week 3 vs. Baltimore

By Nicole Yang
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The Patriots will kick off the 2022 season on the road against the new look Miami Dolphins.

Here's a look at some of the key games on New England's schedule, complete with a showdown against former offensive coordi-

nator Josh McDaniels, five prime-time games, and a season finale in Buffalo.

Week 1 at Dolphins, Sept. 11, 1 p.m. (CBS): The Patriots have struggled at Hard Rock Stadium in recent years, going 2-7 in their last nine trips. The Dolphins made a number of new additions this offseason, hiring coach Mike McDaniels, trading for wide receiver Tyreek Hill, and signing running back Chase Edmonds.

Week 2 at Steelers, Sept. 18, 1 p.m. (CBS): With Ben Roethlisberger retired, the Steelers

will have a starting quarterback battle between 2017 first-round pick Mitch Trubisky and rookie Kenny Pickett, drafted 20th overall this year. The offensive attack features running back Najee Harris and a trio of talented receivers in Diontae Johnson, Chase Claypool, and George Pickens.

Week 3 vs. Ravens, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. (Fox): After opening the season with back-to-back road games for the first time since 2014, the Patriots will play their home

Turn to Patriots, Page 4

Highlights from the 2022 NFL schedule

PATRIOTS
Opener: Sept. 11 at Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS
A date to circle: Nov. 24 vs. Vikings (Thanksgiving), 8:20 p.m., NBC
In prime time: Oct. 24 vs. Bears (MNF), 8:15 p.m., ESPN; Dec. 1 vs. Bills, 8:15 p.m., Amazon; Dec. 12 at Cardinals (MNF), 8:15 p.m., ESPN; Dec. 18 at Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC
One more: Sept. 18 at Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS
Season-ender: Jan. 7 or 8 at Bills, TBD

GIANTS
Opener: Sept. 11 at Titans, 4:25 p.m., FOX
A date to circle: Oct. 9 vs.

Packers (London), 9:30 a.m., NFLN
In prime time: Sept. 26 vs. Cowboys, (MNF), 8:15 p.m., ESPN
One more: Nov. 24 at Cowboys (Thanksgiving), 4:25 p.m., FOX
Season-ender: Jan. 7 or 8 at Eagles, TBD

JETS
Opener: Sept. 11 vs. Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS
A date to circle: Oct. 30 vs. Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS
In prime time: Dec. 22 vs. Jaguars, 8:15 p.m., Prime Video
One more: Nov. 6 vs. Bills, 1 p.m., CBS
Season-ender: Jan. 7 or 8 at Dolphins, TBD

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



UConn's starting five enjoy the final minutes of their 85-64 Midwest Regional victory over Old Dominion in March 2002. From left, Asjha Jones, Swin Cash, Dianna Taurasi, Tamika Williams and Sue Bird. **COURANT FILE**

NHL PLAYOFFS BRUINS 5, HURRICANES 2

Bruins rout Hurricanes to force a Game 7

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Brad Marchand scored one goal and assisted on another, and Jeremy Swayman stopped 23 shots to lead the Boston Bruins past the Carolina Hurricanes 5-2 on Thursday night and send their first-round playoff series to a decisive seventh game.

The home team has won all six games in the series so far — an edge for Carolina, which will host Game 7 on Saturday. The winner will play either the Penguins or Rangers in the Eastern Conference semifinals; Pittsburgh leads that series 3-2 heading into Game 6 on Friday night.

Two days after losing 5-1 at Carolina — their third blowout loss on the road — the Bruins returned to the TD Garden for what could be the last home game for future Hall of Famer Patrice Bergeron. The Bruins captain has declined to talk about his future during the season.

Andrei Svechnikov scored twice and Antti Raanta made 29 saves for the Hurricanes, who have won three games by a combined score of 15-4 and lost three by a total of 14-6.

Charlie Coyle also scored for Boston, and Erik Haula and Derek Forbort added third-period goals before Curtis Lazar backhanded the puck into the empty net with 4:17 to play.

Marchand broke a scoreless tie 46 seconds into the second period, taking a long cross-ice pass from Connor Clifton and skating to the right circle before wristing it over Raanta's glove.

Coyle gave the Bruins a 2-0 lead in the last two minutes of the period, poking in the trickling rebound of David Pastrnak's one-timer. Svechnikov made it a one-goal game early in the third before Haula and Forbort gave Boston back its cushion.

Svechnikov's second goal came with 2:30 left during a power play for a double minor to Marchand for spearing.

In an 18-year career, all of it with Boston, Bergeron has

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Inside

Sidney Crosby's status clouds Rangers-Penguins as Game 6 looms. **Page 6**

GROUP PORTRAIT

Former UConn star Tamika Williams-Jeter is right at home as Dayton head coach — and her former teammates knew it all along

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

As she drove to the University of Dayton in late March, Tamika Williams-Jeter still hadn't fully processed the fact that she was the new head women's basketball coach for her hometown school.

The wave of emotions finally hit after she introduced herself to the Flyers team over Zoom and told them she was on her way. It was in that moment Williams-Jeter thought back to text messages from her former UConn women's basketball teammates Sue Bird, Swin Cash and Asjha Jones.

The quartet, who led the Huskies to national titles in 2000 and 2002, still maintain an



Tamika Williams-Jeter's first head coaching job was at Division III Wittenberg University after she served as an assistant at Ohio State, Kansas, Kentucky and Penn State. **WITTENBERG ATHLETICS**

active group chat. Cash sent a congratulatory message when Williams-Jeter led her Division III program, Wittenberg, to win its conference tournament championship in upset fashion a

few weeks prior. Williams-Jeter was a bit taken aback by her friends' nonchalant tone. It was more "I told you so" than one of amazement.

"They were all like, 'Did you think you were gonna do something else?' " Williams-Jeter recalled to the Hartford Courant earlier this week. "Almost like, 'We know you're good, we're just waiting for you to make the jump.' "

The group had a similar response when Cash was named vice president of basketball operations for the New Orleans Pelicans in 2019. They've always been honest with each other, not ones to sugarcoat anything. Williams-Jeter always believed in them, but realizing they long thought she was ready for the new role she was about to embark on was different.

"We get put in these situations as coaches to see the best in young people and tell them they can do things that they don't see they're going to accomplish," Williams-Jeter said. "But sometimes you need those people that tell you you

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— Tamika Williams-Jeter, Dayton coach, on UConn teammates Sue Bird, Swin Cash and Asjha Jones

RED SOX

Former UConn closer Wallace is finding his way in Sox organization

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Jacob Wallace was at Dunkin' Donuts Park early, on the first bus a good six hours before the Portland Sea Dogs opened their six-game series against the Hartford Yard Goats this week.

Leaning over the dugout railing he took in the opponents' early batting practice on Tuesday.

"One of [UConn baseball coach Jim Penders'] big sayings was, 'You can't fool the man in the mirror,' "

said Wallace, the former Huskies closer. "If you know you put in the work and you're prepared and go out to the field with that in mind, you've done all you can, success will follow. That's one thing that has stuck with me. I get my work in on the field before the game. If I'm rushing to play cards or eat something, my play is going to suffer."

Several hours later, Wallace, 23, pitched a scoreless inning, walking one and striking out top Colorado Rockies prospects Ezequiel Tovar

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Jacob Wallace pitches during his days at UConn. Wallace is now in the Red Sox organization with Portland, the Yard Goats' opponent through the weekend at Dunkin' Donuts Park. **COURANT FILE**

Inside

■ Red Sox, Yankees notes. **Page 2**
■ Walker, Mets cruise past Nationals, 4-1, to win another series. **Page 2**

NBA PLAYOFFS COMMENTARY

Celtics will have no one to blame but themselves if they lose series



By Christopher Gasper
Boston Globe

BOSTON — The one attribute the Celtics never lacked, even in their darkest days this season, was confidence. That will serve them well now that their basketball backs are against the wall headed back to Milwaukee for a must-win Friday night.

But it's also why they find themselves cornered, facing the conclusion of their season in the first place.

The overconfident Celtics

Up next

  **Celtics at Bucks**
7:30 p.m., ESPN

engaged cruise control in the worst possible fashion at the worst possible time Wednesday night. They thought they had Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in the bag. But that bag had a viper waiting

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UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 6), Friday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Bruins: NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 7, if necessary), Saturday, time TBD
Rangers: NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 6), Friday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Red Sox: at Rangers, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Rangers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Rangers, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
Yankees: at White Sox, Friday, 8 p.m.; at White Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at White Sox, Sunday, 2 p.m.
Mets: Mariners, Friday, 7 p.m.; Mariners, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Mariners, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Yard Goats: Portland, Friday, 7 p.m.; Portland, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Portland, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Sun: Sparks, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Liberty, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Fever, May 20, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: N.Y. Red Bulls II, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.

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BASEBALL

4 p.m.: Indiana State at Southern Illinois. (Live) ESPNU
5:30 p.m.: Georgia at Tennessee. (Live) SEC
6 p.m.: Wake Forest at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Nebraska at Illinois. (Live) ESPNU
7 p.m.: Xavier at Connecticut. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: Mariners at Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
8 p.m.: Red Sox at Rangers. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
8 p.m.: Yankees at White Sox. (Live), Amazon Prime Video. Radio: 97.9
8:30 p.m.: Alabama at Auburn. (Live) SEC
8:30 p.m.: Ole Miss at LSU. (Live) ESPN2
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.: Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Grizzlies at Warriors. (Live) ESPN
FOOTBALL
8 p.m.: USFL Football Michigan Panthers vs Tampa Bay Bandits. (Live) USA
11:30 p.m.: Hawthorn Hawks vs Richmond Tigers. (Live) FSP
2:30 a.m.: St. Kilda Saints vs Geelong Cats. (Live) FSP
5 a.m.: Sydney Swans vs Essendon Bombers. (Live) FS1
5:30 a.m.: Adelaide Crows vs Brisbane Lions. (Live) FSP
GOLF
7 a.m.: DP World Tour Golf Soudal Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
10:30 a.m.: Cognizant Founders Cup, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
1:30 p.m.: 2022 Regions Tradition Second Round. (Live) GOLF
4 p.m.: AT&T Byron Nelson, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
9 a.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship United States vs Latvia. (Live) NHL
1 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Germany vs Canada. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Rangers at Penguins. (Live), TNT, MSG
9 p.m.: First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) TBS
9:30 p.m.: Flames at Stars. (Live) SPRTNET, TNT
5 a.m.: 2022 IIHF World Championship Sweden vs Austria. (Live) NHL
LACROSSE
10 p.m.: NLL Lacrosse Colorado Ma.m.: th at San Diego Seals. (Live) ESPNU
SOCCER
10:30 p.m.: NWSL Soccer OL Reign at Portland Thorns FC. (Live) CBSN
SOFTBALL
1 p.m.: ACC Tournament, Game 7: Teams TBA. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Big 12 Tournament: TBA vs Oklahoma. (Live) ESPNU
3 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Semifinal I: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
3:30 p.m.: ACC Tournament, Game 8: Teams TBA. (Live) ACC
5:30 p.m.: SEC Tournament, Semifinal 2: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
6 a.m.: ATP/WTa Tennis Rome-ATP/WTa, Quarterfinals. (Live) TENNIS

Celtics

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inside in the defending NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks, and when the Celtics fooled around it jumped out and sunk its fangs into them. What a waste — wasted effort, wasted lead, wasted opportunity, and hopefully not a season laid to waste. That sums it up for the Celtics after their fourth-quarter fall from grace. A 14-point lead and certain control of the series evaporated in astonishing and disheartening fashion in a 110-107 loss to the resourceful and resilient Bucks. Now, the Celtics have to do what neither team has done in this

series, win two straight, or the last three-plus months of basketball brilliance gets zeroed out. The undermanned Bucks, minus Celtics killer Khris Middleton, have certainly displayed the heart of a champion if not the shooting touch of one in this series. But if Milwaukee prevails, the Celtics will have no one to blame but themselves. Opportunity surrendered to the septic system. “We’re hot just because we know we did it to ourselves,” said guard Marcus Smart. “Nobody else. We take the blame. But now we turn around and go right back at it. We ain’t got time to sulk. We ain’t got time to put our heads down.” One game after they showed



Mets manager Buck Showalter smiles as he reaches to shake hands with relief pitcher Edwin Diaz, right, after a win over the Nationals on Thursday at Nationals Park in Washington. ALEX BRANDON/AP

METS 4, NATIONALS 1

Walker, Mets cruise past Nats to win another series

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Taijuan Walker pitched seven scoreless innings and the New York Mets remained unbeaten in 10 series this season, cruising past the sloppy Washington Nationals 4-1 on Thursday. Mark Canha went 3 for 4 with a homer and three RBIs for the NL East-leading Mets, who took two of three from the last-place Nationals. New York has won nine series and split one, and hasn’t lost two straight games in a month. Walker (1-0) allowed three hits, walked one and threw 85 pitches in the longest of his four starts this season, which was interrupted by a stint on the injured list with right shoulder bursitis. Walker benefitted from a bizarre double play that kept Washington from scoring. Seth Lugo struck out two in the eighth and Edwin Diaz allowed Juan Soto’s two-out homer in the ninth before retiring Josh Bell to complete the four-hitter. The Mets only managed five hits, but they went ahead 2-0 in the first inning on Canha’s bases-loaded

single and Washington never seriously threatened. New York took advantage of wild Nationals starter Joao Adon (1-6), who walked five of the first 10 batters he faced. Tomás Nido added a run-scoring single with two outs in the fourth that chased Adon, who also hit J.D. Davis in the back with a fastball — the 24th time a Mets batter has been hit this season, which leads the majors. Soto opened the fourth with a double off the wall in right-center but quickly ended the Nats’ best scoring chance with poor base-running. Soto broke for third on a grounder to the left side by Josh Bell and was caught in a rundown before being thrown out at third. Walker tagged Soto and threw wildly to second, and Bell tried to advance and was thrown out at third. Soto slid into Walker’s forearm a few feet in front of the bag, and Walker stood over Soto after tagging him. Soto appeared to take issue with Walker blocking his path to third base and lay in the dirt in front of the bag as Bell approached. Canha homered in the ninth off Steve Cishek.

YANKEES NOTES

Cashman: Crane’s comments a deflection of Astros’ cheating past

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

CHICAGO — Brian Cashman isn’t taking advice from Jim Crane. The Yankees general manager said Crane, the Astros owner, was deflecting when he made comments to USA Today that he should be quiet about the Astros’ cheating scandal being what has kept New York from a World Series. “I don’t think anybody’s gonna dance to the tune he’s singing, to be quite honest,” Cashman said Thursday night before the Yankees took on the White Sox at Guaranteed Rate Field. “I’d say it’s called deflection, and him trying to equate probably an equivalent of a parking ticket to maybe 162 felonies. I don’t think anybody’s gonna buy into any of that stuff.” Crane was responding to Cashman’s comments in spring training that the Astros’ cheating scandal — which cost the team \$5 million, years of draft picks and their GM and manager — cost the Yankees a chance at a World Series appearance in 2017. Crane also talked about “The

Yankee Letter,” which revealed the club was fined \$100,000 for illegal use of its replay room in 2015 and 2016, before the rules for which the Astros were punished in 2017 were explicitly laid out by the league. “I found his comments to be extremely strange,” Crane told Bob Nightengale in an interview. “There’s the letter, and you were doing it too. You were there dude. What are you talking about?” “If I was one of the teams, and I knew our team was doing it [cheating], I’d keep my mouth shut and just go about our business. But listen, I can only control what’s going on here. “I can’t control what the other guys do.” The Astros were caught using the replay room to steal signs and relay them to batters in real time during the 2017 season. **Sitting on the hot hand:** After driving in all five of the Yankees runs on Wednesday, Gleyber Torres was on the bench to start the series with the White Sox on Thursday. Boone said it was one of the days he had planned to give the second baseman off.

their growth by clawing back with a fourth quarter for the ages to tie the series, the Celtics displayed their growing pains and inability to handle good fortune with the requisite maturity in gift-wrapping this game. The path to the NBA Finals is visible in the East, but the Celtics tripped over their inflated egos. It could be a fatal misstep. The Celtics often do their best work when the self-generated degree of difficulty is high. Mission accomplished on that front. In the fateful final frame, the Celtics abandoned the ball movement, balance, and blinders-on focus that had gotten them that lead and seeming control of the series. Instead of staying the

course, they went for the Waze shortcut to victory, reverting to hunting mismatches and knockout punch shots to take out the Greek Freak and Friends. “We moved the ball well throughout the game, but that last 6, 6 ½ minutes we became stagnant and made it tough on ourselves,” said Jayson Tatum, who scored 12 of the team’s 21 fourth-quarter points on his way to a team-high 34. Smart said the Bucks “out-prided us.” Actually, the Celtics didn’t lose because of a lack of pride, but too much of it. Hoops Hubris, their trip-wire, caught up to them and caught them.

RED SOX NOTES

It’s clear bullpen has been a complete mess

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

BOSTON — When he surrendered a go-ahead two-run homer in the top of the 10th inning of a 10-5 loss against the Los Angeles Angels last Wednesday at Fenway Park, Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes didn’t hold back on his performance. “A lot of that probably falls on me,” Barnes said afterward. “I’ve been terrible. I mean, let’s just call a spade a spade, right? So I’ve got to figure my [expletive] out. And we’re going to get there. I mean, I’m working on it every day and feeling better every day. The results are terrible, but we’re not going to stop. It’s definitely frustrating.” Prior to signing his two-year, \$18.75 million contract, Barnes averaged 15.1 strikeouts per nine innings, posted a 2.68 ERA to go along with a 0.86 WHIP through July 10. In the 33 games since, including that hideous loss to the Angels during which he gave up a 10th-inning homer to pinch-hitter Taylor Ward, Barnes has had a 6.92 ERA, a 1.65 WHIP and is averaging 9.6 strikeouts per nine innings. In his last two outings, Barnes has flashed an uptick in his velocity, but allowed two runs in his most recent encounter against

the Chicago White Sox. Wednesday night’s two-run walkoff homer by Atlanta’s Orlando Arcia represented yet another example of what the Sox have been clearly missing: A valuable closer. On one end, the Braves had Kenley Jansen, who picked up his first win of the season, to command the ninth frame. On the other side, the Sox trotted out Ryan Brasier from the bullpen. The Braves signed Jansen to a one-year, \$16 million deal in March. Barnes, meanwhile, continues to be buried in the bullpen, deployed only in low-leverage situations. The Sox appeared to sit on their hands when it came to strengthening their bullpen this offseason, signing lefthanders Matt Strahm and Jake Diekman, who have struggled through injuries and performance issues. Neither is — nor, for that matter, is Barnes — the caliber of lockdown reliever as Jansen. That was the sobering dose of reality as the Sox absorbed their fifth walkoff loss of the season, the most of any team in the majors this year. The Sox relievers entered the day tied for seventh in homers allowed (15), and had the eighth-worst ERA (4.14). In high-leverage situations, per Fangraphs, the Sox have a 7.27 ERA.

Wallace

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and Brenton Doyle, continuing a string of good performances as he finds his footing at the Double-A level with the Boston Red Sox’s affiliate. “I’ve been feeling really good, just settling in, having a good time,” Wallace said. “Team’s great, coaches are awesome. I’m really enjoying this team.” Wallace was a first-team All-American as a junior at UConn in 2019 and really made a name for himself in the NCAA tournament, striking out all seven batters he faced to close out a win over Oklahoma State. The next night he struck out five in 2 ⅔ perfect innings in the loss that eliminated the Huskies. Wallace was hitting 100 MPH with his fastball, using a put-away slider, and was taken in the third round of the MLB draft by the Rockies. He made 17 appearances for Class A Boise that summer with a 1.29 ERA. With the 2020 minor league season canceled, the 6-foot-1, 190-pound Wallace was back home in Methuen, Massachusetts, putting his work in when he got word in September the Rockies were sending him to the Red Sox in the deal for Kevin Pillar. Playing for the team he rooted for as a kid has been a blast for Wallace. “It’s awesome,” he said. “I do really like the organization. Everyone has been top-notch. Outstanding organization, very professional in everything they do.” Last season, Wallace had his struggles at Class A Greenville, going 3-3 with four saves and a 5.92 ERA in 39 games, but he struck out 76 in 48 ⅓ innings, flashes of what makes him such an exciting bullpen prospect. “He has the arm. He has the

ability to be able to be a back-end, leverage reliever for us in the future,” Brian Abraham, the Red Sox director of player development, told MLB.com this spring. “... He’s got that natural, bulldog mentality.” At Portland, Wallace has been effective in all but one of his 10 appearances, when he allowed five runs in one inning vs. Somerset on April 29. Eight of his 10 appearances have been scoreless, including the last three. Overall, he is 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA, but hitters are hitting .150 against him. He’s walked eight in 10 innings but allowed only six hits and struck out 18. “I’m working on my changeup a good amount,” Wallace said. “Attacking the zone, attacking hitters with stuff that I have, it’s always going to result in good things. When I start dancing around the zone and miss spots trying to do too much, then I get in trouble. But if I attack the zone and do what I can with my stuff, good things are going to happen.” Wallace said Penders and pitching coach Josh MacDonald basically “raised” him as a pitcher during his three seasons at UConn. Former UConn relievers are all over the minor leagues, including P.J. Poulin with the Yard Goats, John Russell with Richmond in Double-A, and Caleb Wurster in the Miami Marlins organization. Pat Ruotolo has reached Triple-A with the San Francisco Giants. “[UConn’s coaches] prepared me really well,” Wallace said. “Looking back, I can still say I use some of Coach Penders’ sayings and mantras and little things he instilled in us. I can use those whenever I’m struggling. I can look back and think about those things and use it to guide me in the right directions.”

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REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn tops Butler to advance in Big East softball tournament

The UConn softball team staved off elimination in the Big East Conference softball tournament with a 4-1 win over Butler in an elimination game on Thursday in Chicago. The top-seeded Huskies lost their opening game to No. 4 DePaul 6-2 and needed to rally for the win over the No. 2 Bulldogs. Pitcher Elise Sokolsky (20-6) bulldozed back from a shaky start in the opener to throw 5 ½ innings of shutout relief against Butler. Reese

Guevarra had two hits, a run and an RBI for the Huskies. UConn now faces the loser of Friday’s first game between DePaul and No. 3 Villanova in an elimination game at 3 p.m. In the opener, the Huskies could never get anything going against Blue Demons starter Sarah Lehman, who went seven innings, allowing two runs on two hits in improving to 15-5. Sokolsky took the loss, allowing five

runs on six hits in 3 ⅔ innings. Sami Barnett had a solo home run and Guevarra run-scoring double for the Huskies.

Collins, Yard Goats get past Binghamton in 11 innings

Isaac Collins scored from second on an error by Binghamton Rumble Ponies catcher

Elih Marrero to lift the Hartford Yard Goats to a 3-2 win in 11 innings in an Eastern League Northern Division game at Dunkin’ Donuts Park. With Collins on second to start the inning, Jimmy Herron sacrificed, forcing the error that allowed Collins to score. Hartford (17-12) has now taken two of the first three games in the series.

— Staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Williams-Jeter

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don't see it. ... That's when it really made sense, like, 'This is right.'"

Williams-Jeter had received plenty of calls from Division I schools about head coaching opportunities in recent years, but she turned them all down. The former UConn star knows a lot of people didn't understand why she went the Division III route, especially after 15 years as a high-major assistant coach and seven seasons in the WNBA. Even UConn coach Geno Auriemma wondered at first.

There were plenty of factors at play, but the most prevalent was that being close to home, more specifically to her mother, Jo Williams, was everything.

Toward the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Williams-Jeter took her mother to the doctors for a checkup and was told she had severe short-term dementia. This was the woman who was the backbone of their family, who had managed properties and paid bills between her two parents growing up, who had taught calculus and algebra for 40 years. By that point she couldn't manage to pay a simple utility bill or do basic math.

"They literally took her driver's license right in front of me," Williams-Jeter said. "That was a lot to see your parent go through."

Williams-Jeter, then an assistant at Ohio State, vowed not to leave the state for another job. Her father passed away in 2014 and she wanted to focus on her mother with what time she had left.

Close to home

Williams-Jeter was in the middle of conducting end of season meetings with players when Wittenberg athletic director Brian Agler pulled her out to talk.

"I got another call," he said.

Plenty of schools had reached out about Williams-Jeter after she led the team to its first NCAA Division III tournament appearance since 2015, but she was never interested. Even once he revealed Dayton was the school, she didn't bite. Becoming a Division I head coach wasn't something she envisioned for herself, plus the timing caught her off guard.

Agler, who coached Williams-Jeter in her first season in the WNBA, was persistent. He reminded her of why she was at Wittenberg in the first place, of how important it was to be close to her mother and all the opportunities she turned down because of that. This wasn't like the other inquiries, all from schools out of state, this was home.

"I think you need to interview," Agler insisted, "because you never interviewed, you just tell people no. Just do me a favor."

After their conversation, Williams-Jeter went back to meeting with players. She felt like she'd put together something special. She was proud of changing the program's culture, of getting DIII kids to buy into a certain standard, and she didn't want to leave that behind. But Agler continued to nudge, pleading with her again that afternoon to at least hear Dayton out.

Williams-Jeter got a call from Neil Sullivan, Dayton's vice president and athletic director, less than half an hour afterward. Williams-Jeter didn't have an agent or anything prepared but quickly made a strong impression. Around 48 hours later, after meetings with numerous other officials from the school, she was offered the job. That Thursday night was filled with a lot of self-reflection.

"I kind of put myself in a space of like, what if I was," Williams-Jeter said. "You're looking at a team of I think five or six with no one with any playing experience ... I didn't think about that much because I felt like I knew how to get that back together. But the biggest thing is it's a huge responsibility. What I loved about this is it was a winning space, so I liked the pressure of carrying that on, that was fun."

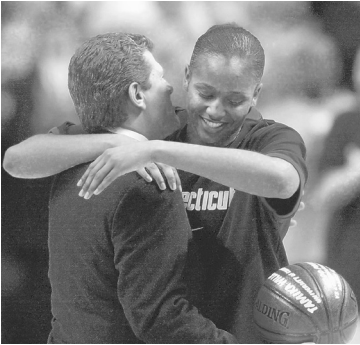
"I knew I had people to my left and right in our administration who believed in women's basketball, believed that I could get it done and believed in the young women who were still going to be around that they could get it done. So that was a big piece for me making the decision."

Auriemma's influence

The news that Williams-Jeter was hired by Dayton broke during the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament. Morgan Valley, one of her college teammates who is



UConn's Tamika Williams celebrates her team's 82-70 win over Oklahoma in the NCAA championship game March 31, 2002, in San Antonio. **AP FILE**



Williams gets a commemorative basketball and a hug from coach Geno Auriemma for joining the 1,000-point club before a January 2002 game at Gampel Pavilion. **COURANT FILE**

now an assistant at UConn, sent the announcement in the coaches' group chat between herself, Jamelle Elliott, Chris Dailey and Auriemma. Williams-Jeter made a point not to tell people, so nobody had any clue it was coming.

"I can't say exactly what [Auriemma] screamed out," Williams-Jeter recalled, "but [Valley] was like, 'He screamed from the other room because he couldn't believe it.'"

Auriemma has a big influence on the way Williams-Jeter coaches. There are some aspects she saw coming, like the ability to push people to get the best out of them, but others not so much. She always figured she would have a much calmer demeanor on the sideline than Auriemma did in his early days of coaching.

"I don't know why I thought that," Williams-Jeter said with a laugh, "because I was crazy."

Wittenberg was up 40 points in one game this past season when Williams-Jeter noticed her team hit a lull. Next thing she knew, she was at half court calling for a timeout. She then gave an impassioned speech to her players that felt very reminiscent of her UConn days. "We never play at the level of the competition — I don't care what the score is, I don't care how much I sub."

As she walked back from the huddle, Williams-Jeter couldn't help but laugh. Every time she got upset when her team played a close game against a lesser opponent throughout the season she thought the same thing: *Oh my gosh, I am Coach*. But her players didn't respond the same way when she sat calmly on the bench.

Another thing Williams-Jeter picked up from Auriemma and Jim Foster, who she coached under at Ohio State from 2002-08, was the importance of having the right staff in place. That was always what scared her most about coaching at the DI level. If she didn't assemble her staff with the right people, nothing else would work. That's even more true in today's age of college basketball with the transfer portal and NIL.

For the first few weeks of her tenure at Dayton, Williams-Jeter was trying to build a roster on her own accord. Because she wasn't planning on taking another job, she didn't have a group of assistants in the works.

"Getting that part right so we can best fuel and create an envi-



Williams, left, was chosen as the No. 6 pick in the WNBA draft by the Lynx on April 19, 2002, in Secaucus, N.J. WNBA President Val Ackerman presents her with the jersey. **AP FILE**

ronment where young people can thrive was most important to me," Williams-Jeter said. "Because they'll run through a wall for you if you get that right."

Life comes full circle

Everywhere Williams-Jeter turns, there's something that connects her back to a different part of her life.

She was first introduced to college basketball at UD Arena, where her older brother and sister played throughout their respective careers at Miami (Ohio) and Bowling Green. The Catholic high school she and her siblings attended, Chaminade Julianne, is only about a mile away. Most of the people she graduated with went to Dayton, and many work there now.

She's surrounded by family, back in the same town as her mother and older sister, with her younger sister set to move home, too. Her mother is elated about having Williams-Jeter's two sons and all five grandchildren close by. Williams-Jeter hopes being around that energy will buy her a couple more years. On days that are especially challenging, she goes to visit her father who is buried at a cemetery five minutes away from campus and shares a moment with him.

"[This position] gives me everything," Williams-Jeter said. "The people I love the most are here to support me, and the people who pushed me into it are the people I trust the most, that I've had the most success with."

All of that set in for Williams-Jeter as she made the drive to campus on that day in late March. As much as they saw this coming for her, the teammates on the other end of that group chat were just as thrilled.

"I was very excited for her ... to get a DI opportunity after proving herself and winning a championship, but more so because she's going home," Bird said. "I think this is so tremendous to bring somebody who now has all of this experience both as a player, as an assistant on the DI level, as a head coach on a lower level, but now she can put all that together and take it home to Dayton and lead them."

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NFL SCHEDULE RELEASE GIANTS AND JETS

Giants hit road for opener at Titans; Jets face Ravens

By Bob Glauber and Al Iannazzone
Newsday

NEW YORK — Brian Daboll makes his NFL head coaching debut on the road, as the Giants face the Titans in Tennessee on Sept. 11 to open the 2022 season. Daboll will coach in front of the MetLife Stadium crowd the following week in the team's home opener against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, Sept. 18.

The Giants will appear in the first of two nationally televised games in Week 3 at home against the Cowboys.

And there will be a game against the Packers in London on Oct. 9 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, where the Giants play across the pond for the third time in franchise history and the first time since Oct. 23, 2016, when they beat the Rams, 17-10, at Twickenham Stadium. The Giants beat the Dolphins, 13-10, at Wembley Stadium in 2007 during their first Super Bowl season of the Tom Coughlin-Eli Manning era. This will be the first game in London for the Packers, as they become the final NFL team to play there.

Daboll faces the meat of his divisional schedule late in the season, as the Giants play against NFC East opponents in five of their final seven games, including four in a row from Nov. 24 through the weekend of Dec. 17-18. That Nov. 24 game is Thanksgiving Day against the Cowboys at AT&T Stadium, the Giants' first Thanksgiving game since Nov. 23, 2017, when they lost 20-10 in Washington.

Thursday games in general haven't gone well for the Giants, who are 15-13-3 overall but have lost their last six games played on that day or night. Their last Thursday win was on Sept. 24, 2015 against Washington at home, and their last Thursday road win came on Sept. 25, 2014 in Washington.

The Week 2 game against the Panthers is the first of three straight home games, followed by the Cowboys and Bears at MetLife Stadium.

There will be plenty of travel in the month of October, as the Giants will total 13,374 air miles, starting with their game against the Packers in London. The Giants elected not to take their bye week after the game and will host the Ravens on Oct. 16. They'll then face the Jaguars in Jacksonville on Oct. 23 and the

Giants schedule

September: 11 at Titans, 4:25 p.m., Fox; 18 vs. Panthers, 1 p.m., Fox; 26 vs. Cowboys, 8:15 p.m., ESPN
October: 2 vs. Bears, 1 p.m., Fox; 9 at Packers in London, 9:30 a.m., NFL; 16 vs. Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS; 23 at Jaguars, 1 p.m., Fox; 30 at Seahawks, 4:25 p.m., Fox
November: 13 vs. Texans, 1 p.m., CBS; 20 vs. Lions, 1 p.m., Fox; 24 at Cowboys, 4:30 p.m., Fox
December: 4 vs. Commanders, 1 p.m., Fox; 11 vs. Eagles, 1 p.m., Fox; 17 or 18 at Commanders, TBD; 24 at Vikings, 1 p.m., Fox
January: 1 vs. Colts, 1 p.m., CBS; 7 or 8 at Eagles, TBD

Jets schedule

September: 11 vs. Ravens, 1 p.m., CBS; 18 at Browns, 1 p.m., CBS; 25 vs. Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS
October: 2 at Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS; 9 vs. Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS; 16 at Packers, 1 p.m., Fox; 23 at Broncos, 4:05 p.m., CBS; 30 vs. Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS
November: 6 vs. Bills, 1 p.m., CBS; 20 at Patriots, 1 p.m., CBS; 27 vs. Bears, 1 p.m., Fox
December: 4 at Vikings, 1 p.m., CBS; 11 at Bills, 1 p.m., CBS; 18 vs. Lions, 1 p.m., Fox; 22 vs. Jaguars, 8:15 p.m., Prime Video
January: 1 at Seahawks, 4:05 p.m., Fox; 7 or 8 at Dolphins, TBD

Seahawks in Seattle on Oct. 30.

Jets: Wilson faces Jackson

Zach Wilson's second NFL season will begin at home against former NFL MVP Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens in a difficult game against linebacker C.J. Mosley's old team. The Sept. 11 game at MetLife Stadium will be Mosley's first time facing Baltimore, where he spent the first five years of his career.

It also will be the first games for the Jets' vaunted rookie class. General manager Joe Douglas earned rave reviews after drafting Sauce Gardner, Garrett Wilson and Jermaine Johnson in the first round, Breece Hall in the second and Lindenhurst's Jeremy Ruckert in the third.

The Jets improved at number of positions this offseason as they look to snap the longest current streak of missing the playoffs — 11 seasons. But coming off a 4-13 record in Robert Saleh's first year as head coach, the Jets still aren't must-see TV.

and came away with a 20-17 win in Denver. Belichick is 15-13 against former Patriots players or assistant coaches as head coach.

Week 16 vs. Bengals, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (CBS): The Patriots will spend Christmas Eve against quarterback Joe Burrow and the Bengals. Cincinnati's three-headed receiving corps — Ja'Marr Chase, Tee Higgins, and Tyler Boyd — are all back in the fold, as is running back Joe Mixon.

Week 17 vs. Dolphins, Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (CBS): New England will host the Dolphins during the winter months for a change. Belichick will probably welcome the switch after his team's late-season performances in Miami Gardens in recent years.

Week 18 at Bills, (TBD): The Patriots will finish the regular season at Highmark Stadium in Buffalo. The question is: Will they be playing beyond Week 18?

Schedule

September: 11 at Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS; 18 at Steelers, 1 p.m., CBS; 25 vs. Ravens, 1 p.m., Fox
October: 2 at Packers, 4:25 p.m., CBS; 9 vs. Lions, 1 p.m., Fox; 16 at Browns, 1 p.m., CBS; Oct. 24 vs. Bears, 8:15 p.m., ESPN; 30 at Jets, 1 p.m., CBS
November: 6 vs. Colts, 1 p.m., CBS; 20 vs. Jets, 1 p.m., CBS; 24 at Vikings, 8:20 p.m., NBC
December: 1 vs. Bills, 8:15 p.m., Prime Video; 12 at Cardinals, 8:15 p.m., ESPN; 18 at Raiders, 8:20 p.m., NBC; 24 vs. Bengals, 1 p.m., CBS
January: 1 vs. Dolphins, 1 p.m., CBS; 7 or 8 at Bills, TBD

WNBA

Former UConn guard Westbrook signs hardship contract with Lynx

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Evina Westbrook signed a hardship contract with the Minnesota Lynx on Thursday, the franchise announced.

The former UConn guard was

drafted 21st overall by the Seattle Storm in this year's WNBA draft but was waived by the franchise on May 4.

Through two preseason games for the Storm, Westbrook averaged 9.0 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists. In the second contest, the 6-foot

guard scored 15 points in less than 17 minutes, including the game-winner against the Phoenix Mercury. She went 3 of 4 on 3-point attempts and also recorded four rebounds, two assists and a crucial block.

Westbrook, a native of Salem, Ore., spent the first two years of her

career at Tennessee, sat out a year in 2019-20 due to transfer rules and then spent her last two seasons on the court for UConn. She averaged 9.0 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists during the 2021-22 college season.

The Lynx waived another

former Husky guard, Crystal Dangerfield, on May 3. Dangerfield signed a hardship contract with the Indiana Fever and was released on Wednesday. Napheesa Collier is also on the Minnesota roster, but she is currently pregnant and not with the team.

SCOREBOARD

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PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 3, #4 Philadelphia 2
May 2: Miami 106-92
May 4: Miami 119-103
May 6: Philadelphia 99-79
May 8: Philadelphia 116-108.
May 10: Miami 120-85.
Thursday: at Philadelphia, late
x-Sunday: at at Miami, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 3, #2 Boston 2
May 1: Milwaukee 101-89
May 3: Boston 109-86.
May 7: Milwaukee 103-101.
May 9: Boston 116-108.
May 11: Milwaukee 110-107.
Friday: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-Sunday: at Boston, 3:30 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Phoenix 3, #4 Dallas 2
May 2: Phoenix 121-114.
May 4: at Phoenix 129-109
May 6: Dallas 103-94
May 8: Dallas 111-101.
May 10: Phoenix 110-80
Thursday: at Dallas, late
x-Sunday: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #2 Memphis 2
May 1: Golden State 117-116
May 3: Memphis 106-101
May 7: Golden State 142-112
May 9: at Golden State, 101-98.
May 11: Memphis 134-95.
Friday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.
x-May 16: at Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	½
Chicago	1	1	.500	1½
New York	1	1	.500	1½
Indiana	1	2	.333	2
Connecticut	0	1	.000	2
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	—
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	—
Phoenix	1	1	.500	½
Seattle	1	2	.333	1
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	3	.000	2

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 7p.m.
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Indiana at New York, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Seattle, 3p.m.
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 77, Los Angeles 75
Chicago 83, New York at 50
Phoenix 97, Seattle 77

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	3	1	0	.750	79	63
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	89	95
Michigan	1	3	0	.250	67	53
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	39	92
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	4	0	0	1.000	99	75
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	93	58
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	57	79
Houston	1	3	0	.250	87	95

WEEK 5

FRIDAY'S GAME

Michigan at Tampa Bay, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

New Orleans at New Jersey, 3p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Birmingham at Philldelphia, Noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, 4p.m.

TENNIS

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Foro Italice, Rome, Red Clay-outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1 Novak Djokovic d. Stan Wawrinka, 6-2, 6-2.
#2 Alexander Zverev d. Alex de Minaur, 6-3, 7-6(5).
#13 Denis Shapovalov d.
#3 Rafael Nadal, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
Karen Khachanov, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
#5 Casper Ruud d. Jenson Brooksby, 6-3, 6-4.
#8 Felix Auger-Aliassime d.
Marcos Giron, 6-3, 6-2.
#10 Jannik Sinner d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-2, 7-6(6).
Cristian Garin d. Marin Cilic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Iga Swiatek d.
#16 Victoria Azarenka, 6-4, 6-1.
Daria Kasatkina d. #2Paula Badosa, 6-4, 6-4.
#3 Aryna Sabalenka d.
#13 Jessica Pegula, 6-1, 6-4.
#4 Maria Sakkarri d. #15 Coco Gauff, 6-4, 7-5.
Amanda Anisimova d.
#7 Danielle Collins, 6-2, 6-2.
Jil Teichmann d. Elena Rybakina, 6-7(3), 6-3, 7-5.
Bianca Andreescu d. Petra Martic, 6-4, 6-4.
#9 Ons Jabeur d. Yulia Putintseva, 6-3, 6-2.

WTA TROPHEE LAGARDERE

At Lagardère Paris Racing Club, Paris; clay-outdoors

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#3Beatriz Haddad Maia d.
Hailey Baptiste, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
#4 Varvara Gracheva d. Su Jeong Jang, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.
Donna Vekic d. Joanne Zuger, 6-1, 6-4.
Elsa Jacquemot d. #5 Anna Kalinskaya, 7-5, 6-6.
WTA LIQUI MOLY OPEN
Karlsruhe, Germany; clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 Mayar Sherif d. Laura Pigossi, 6-2, 6-2.
#3 Anna Bondar d. Rebecca Marino, 6-3, 6-2.
Mai Hontama d. #4 Greet Minnen, walkover
#5 Panna Udvardy d.
Mihaela Buzarnescu, 6-1, 6-0.
#7 Dalma Galfi d. Lin Zhu, 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-1.
#8 Bernarda Pera d. Jule Niemeier, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3).
Eva Lys d. Priscilla Horn, 6-1, 6-1.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Julie Niemeier d. Mandy Minella, 6-4, 6-3.

ODDS

MLB	FRIDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG LINE
Cincinnati	-112 at Pittsburgh +104
Milwaukee	-136 at Miami +116
at Atlanta	-156 San Diego +132
San Francisco	-126 at St. Louis +108
at Arizona	-120 Chi. Cubs +102
at LA Dodgers	-230 Philadelphia +190
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at Detroit	-158 Baltimore +134
Toronto	-126 at Tampa Bay +108
at Texas	-132 Boston +112
NY Yankees	-164 at Chi Wh. Sox +138
at Minnesota	-168 Cleveland +142
LA Angels	-148 at Oakland +126
INTERLEAGUE	
at Washington off	Houston off
at NY Mets	-245 Seattle +200
at Colorado	-136 Kansas City +116
NBA PLAYOFFS	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE O/U UNDERDOG
at Milwaukee 1½ (211)	Boston +132
at Golden State 8½ (217½)	Memphis +140
NHL CUP PLAYOFFS	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG LINE
NY Rangers	-130 at Pittsburgh +106
Florida	-184 at Washington +152
Calgary	-170 at Dallas +140

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NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Carolina 3, Boston 2

May 2: Carolina 5-1
May 4: Carolina 5-2
May 6: Boston 4-2
May 8: Boston, 5-2.
May 10: Carolina, 5-1.
Thursday: at Boston, late
x-Saturday: at Carolina, TBD

Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

May 3: Pittsburgh 4-3 (3OT)
May 5: N.Y. Rangers 5-2
May 7: Pittsburgh 7-4
May 9: Pittsburgh 7-2.
May 11: N.Y. Rangers 5-2.
Friday: at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2

May 2: Toronto 5-0
May 4: Tampa Bay 5-3
May 6: Toronto 5-2
May 8: Tampa Bay 7-3.
May 10: Toronto 4-3.
Thursday: at Tampa Bay, late
x-Saturday: at Toronto, TBD

Florida 3, Washington 2

May 3: Washington 4-2
May 5: Florida 5-1
May 7: Washington 6-1
May 9: Florida 3-2 (OT)
May 11: Florida 5-3.
Friday: at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday: at Florida, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Calgary 3, Dallas 2

May 3: Calgary 1-0
May 5: Dallas 2-0
May 7: Dallas 4-2.
May 9: Calgary 4-1.
May 11: Calgary 3-1.
Friday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday: at Calgary, TBD

Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2

May 2: Los Angeles 4-3
May 4: Edmonton 6-0
May 6: Edmonton 8-2
May 8: Los Angeles 4-0.
May 10: Los Angeles 5-4 (OT).
Thursday: at Los Angeles, late
x-Saturday: at Edmonton, TBD

Colorado 4, Nashville 0

May 3: Colorado 7-2
May 5: Colorado 2-1 (OT)
May 7: Colorado 7-3
May 9: Colorado 5-3.

St. Louis 3, Minnesota 2

May 2: St. Louis 4-0
May 4: Minnesota 6-2
May 6: Minnesota 5-1
May 8: St. Louis 5-2
May 10: St. Louis 5-2.
Thursday: at St. Louis, late
x-Saturday: at Minnesota, TBD

HART TROPHY FINALISTS

The award is given to the player voted most valuable to his team by Professional Hockey Writers Association.

Auston Matthews, C, Toronto

GP G A PTS S ATOI FOW FO%

73 60 46 106 348 20:37 691 56.2

Connor McDavid, C, Edmonton

GP G A PTS S ATOI FOW FO%

80 44 79 123 314 22:04 562 53.7

Igor Shesterkin, GK, N.Y. Rangers

GP W L OL GA GAA SV% SO MN

53 36 13 4 106 2.07 .935 6 3071

GOLF

REGIONS TRADITION

1st of 4 rounds, Greystone GC, Birming-

ham, Ala., 7,249 yards; Par: 72

Steve Stricker	33-32—65	-7
Miguel Angel Jimenez	34-33—67	-5
Wes Short	33-34—67	-5
Steven Alker	36-32—68	-4
Stuart Appleby	33-35—68	-4
Shane Bertsch	33-35—68	-4
John Daly	33-35—68	-4
Ernie Els	34-34—68	-4
David McKenzie	35-33—68	-4
Rod Pamplung	37-31—68	-4
Ken Tanigawa	34-34—68	-4
Alex Cejka	37-32—69	-3
K.J. Choi	35-34—69	-3
Glen Day	35-34—69	-3
Ken Duke	35-34—69	-3
Joe Durant	32-37—69	-3
Retief Goosen	34-35—69	-3
Padrraig Harrington	35-34—69	-3
David Toms	36-33—69	-3
Billy Andrade	35-35—70	-2
Paul Broadhurst	35-35—70	-2
Brian Gay	37-33—70	-2
Scott McCarron	34-36—70	-2
Dickie Price	34-36—70	-2
Scott Verplank	34-36—70	-2
Cameron Beckman	36-35—71	-1
David Branshaw	37-34—71	-1
Marco Dawson	36-35—71	-1
David Duval	34-37—71	-1
Steve Flesch	35-36—71	-1
Brandt Jobe	37-34—71	-1
Stephen Leaney	35-36—71	-1
Jeff Maggert	37-34—71	-1
Tim Petrovic	36-35—71	-1
Gene Sauers	37-34—71	-1
Kirk Triplett	36-35—71	-1
Tom Byrum	37-35—72	E
Darren Clarke	37-35—72	E
Gary Hallberg	40-32—72	E
Rob Labritz	36-36—72	E
Billy Mayfair	36-36—72	E
Colin Montgomerie	36-36—72	E
Jose Maria Olazabal	37-35—72	E
Scott Parel	36-36—72	E
Mike Weir	38-34—72	E
Woody Austin	36-37—73	+1
Chris DiMarco	36-37—73	+1
Matt Gogel	38-35—73	+1
Tim Herron	39-34—73	+1
John Huston	35-38—73	+1
Lee Janzen	36-37—73	+1
Tom Lehman	37-36—73	+1
Brett Quigley	38-35—73	+1
Joey Sindelar	39-34—73	+1
Jeff Sluman	36-37—73	+1
Doug Barron	36-38—74	+2
Scott Dunlap	38-36—74	+2
Jerry Kelly	36-38—74	+2
Rocco Mediate	38-36—74	+2
Mark O'Meara	37-37—74	+2
Robert Allenby	34-41—75	+3
Stephen Dodd	40-35—75	+3
David Frost	37-38—75	+3
Jim Furyk	37-38—75	+3
Paul Goydos	36-39—75	+3
Robert Karlsson	36-39—75	+3
Tom Pernice	37-38—75	+3
Kevin Sutherland	39-36—75	+3
Stephen Ames	38-38—76	+4
Sandy Lyle	39-38—77	+5
Kent Jones	39-39—78	+6
Steve Jones	38-40—78	+6
Steve Pate	39-39—78	+6
Corey Pavin	40-38—78	+6

DP TOUR SOUDAL OPEN

1st of 4 rounds, Rinkven International

GC,Antwerp, Belgium, 6,924 yards;

Par 71

65 (-6)	
Sam Horsfield	33-32
Callum Shinkwin	32-33
Dale Whitnell	30-35
66 (-5)	
Alexander Bjork	33-33
Nacho Elvira	32-34
Adrian Meronk	34-32
Yannik Paul	33-33
Alvaro Quiros	33-33
Jeff Winther	34-32
67 (-4)	
Oliver Bekker	31-36
Ewen Ferguson	33-34
Gavin Green	36-31
Paul Waring	34-33
68 (-3)	
Hennie Du Plessis	34-34
Ryan Fox	34-34
Joachim B. Hansen	36-32
Angel Hidalgo	33-35
Raphael Jacquelin	35-33
Matthew Jordan	32-36
Francesco Laporta	33-35
Richard McEvoy	34-34
Robin Russel	35-33
Max Schmitt	34-34
Connor Syme	34-34

NFL: REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

Buffalo at L.A. Rams, 8:20p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 11
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 1p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 1p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1p.m.
New England at Miami, 1p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Washington, 1p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 4:25p.m.
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:25p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 4:25p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, 4:25p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 12
Denver at Seattle, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 2

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
Miami at Baltimore, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 4:25p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:25p.m.
Arizona at Las Vegas, 4:25p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 19
Tennessee at Buffalo, 7:15p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 8:30p.m.

WEEK 3

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 25
New Orleans at Carolina, 1p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 1p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Las Vegas at Tennessee, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:25p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 4:25p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 4:25p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 26
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 4

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

Miami at Cincinnati, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 2
Minnesota vs New Orleans (Tottenham), 9:30a.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 1p.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 1p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 1p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Houston, 1p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 4:05p.m.
New England at Green Bay, 4:25p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:25p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 3
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 5

THURSDAY, OCT. 6

Indianapolis at Denver, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 9
N.Y. Giants vs Green Bay (Tottenham), 9:30a.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1p.m.
Chicago at Baltimore, 1p.m.
Detroit at New England, 1p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 1p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1p.m.
Tennessee at Washington, 1p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 4:25p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 4:25p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 10
Las Vegas at Kansas City, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 6

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

Washington at Chicago, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 16
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 1p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Carolina at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 4:25p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, OCT. 17
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 7

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

New Orleans at Arizona, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, OCT. 23
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 1p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville, 1p.m

WEATHER

FRIDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Morning clouds and some areas of fog. Becoming partly sunny and warm. East wind turning south around 5 mph.

HIGH
85°

LOW
63°

SATURDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Morning clouds and some areas of fog. Becoming partly sunny and warm.

HIGH
83°

LOW
63°

SUNDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Becoming partly sunny, chance for a shower or two.

HIGH
83°

LOW
63°

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and warm with the chance for a few showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH
81°

LOW
57°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny and cooler.

HIGH
73°

LOW
51°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

OUTLOOK

The first eleven days of May got off to a cool and dry start in the Greater Hartford area with temperatures averaging 1.8 degrees below normal and rainfall close to 1.25 inches below normal. The temperatures changed course Thursday as highs climbed into the low and mid-80s. The day as a whole was nine degrees above normal. The next four days will be warm averaging close to fifteen degrees above normal which will tilt the month to above normal levels. Little if any precipitation is expected through Sunday, then showers are possible Sunday night and Monday.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.12
Month to date	0.20 1.44
Total this year	14.90 15.54

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

Air Quality Forecast For Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:33 a.m.	5:32 a.m.
Sunset	8:01 p.m.	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise	5:14 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Moonset	4:14 a.m.	4:39 a.m.

Moon Phase

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:53 a.m. 8:10 p.m.	2:01 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	53°
Saybrook Jetty	9:04 a.m. 9:21 p.m.	2:54 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	54°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:47 a.m. p.m.	6:40 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	
Madison	9:21 a.m. 9:38 p.m.	3:08 a.m. 3:21 p.m.	56°
New Haven	9:41 a.m. 9:58 p.m.	3:32 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	58°
Stamford	9:45 a.m. 10:02 p.m.	3:46 a.m. 3:59 p.m.	55°

River Stage at Hartford: 3.52 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Wind	Fog	Fog	Fog
Seas	E, 5-10	E, 5-10	E, 5
	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	83 at 3:35 p.m.	52 at 4:24 a.m.
Normal for date	71	47
Record for date	90 in 2014	32 in 1983
A year ago	68	43
Range this year	83	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 12	5287	5755	5336

30-day Temperature History

Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.33 at 8 a.m.	30.26 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	59° at 1 p.m.	45° at 4 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 80 59 PC Burlington 86 63 PC Caribou 83 57 PC Concord 83 57 S Montpelier 82 56 S Mt. Wash. 57 50 PC Portland 75 56 PC Woods Hole 68 55 C NATION Albany 81 61 PC Albuquerque 83 53 S Atlantic City 70 57 C	Baltimore 70 60 SH Bismarck 64 40 C Boise 61 46 C Buffalo 78 60 PC Charleston 78 65 T Cincinnati 82 60 PC Cleveland 80 61 PC Dallas 94 71/PC Denver 75 45/PC Detroit 82 60/PC El Paso 93 57/S Houston 92 70/PC Indianapolis 77 59/S Jacksonville 81 60 PC Las Vegas 91 68 S Miami Beach 82 75 T Milwaukee 81 60 PC Nashville 84 63 PC New Orleans 84 68 T New York 71 62 C Okl. City 90 64 PC Omaha 81 56 S Orlando 85 67 T Pittsburgh 76 60 C Raleigh 72 61 T Salt Lake City 68 50 PC San Antonio 94 69 PC San Diego 73 59 S	San Juan 88 76 C Tucson 95 59 S WORLD Amsterdam 66 48 PC Athens 79 59 C Bangkok 95 86 T Barbados 86 74 S Beijing 77 52 S Beirut 76 65 PC Berlin 68 48 C Bermuda 77 70 PC Budapest 80 57 PC Buenos Aires 68 54 C Cairo 89 65 S Cancun 85 74 PC Dubai 97 75 PC Dublin 66 46 PC Edinburgh 59 47 C Helsinki 63 41 SH Hong Kong 81 75 T Istanbul 81 55 PC Jerusalem 82 55 S Johannesburg 72 50 S Singapore 95 79 S	Stockholm 62 45 PC Sydney 72 63 R Tel Aviv 73 60 PC Tokyo 72 66 R Toronto 77 57 S Vancouver 54 43 SH Warsaw 70 50 S Weather page produced by WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY Weather Center
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WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-East
TOLLAND 5, RHAM 0
T 021-100-1-5-4-1
R 000-000-0-9-3-9
WP: Nate Bowles. LP: Bradley D'Amico. Rec.: T-9-5; R-11-3. **Note:** Matt Haggerty was 2-for-3 with an RBI and Joseph Zabilansky had a hit, 2 runs scored. Mike Poncini was 2-for-3 with a double for RHAM.
MANCHESTER 9, EAST CATHOLIC 3
M 004-050-0-9-9-0
EC 000-000-3-3-7-4
WP: Mason Cynenas-Heimer. LP: Harry Roy. Rec.: M-12-3; EC-7-7. **Note:** Jonah Nielsen had a 3-run triple and Pedro Ortiz had 3 hits, including a 2-run double.
Shoreline
CROMWELL 7, HALE-RAY 6
C 040-000-3-7-6-2
HR 000-060-0-6-10-2
WP: Tysen Billings. LP: Austin Sevi-gny. Rec.: C-8-9; HR-7-8. **Note:** Elias DeLeon had a 2-run single to tie the game in the 7th. Antonio Iozzo had the go-ahead sac fly RBI.
NVL
ST. PAUL 15, CROSBY 1 (5)
C 000-10-1-1-4-4
SP 020-(13)x-15-12-0
WP: Jamie Leggett. LP: Isaac Johnson. Rec.: SP-18-0; C-3-10. **Note:** Steve Morelli was 2-for-3 with a double, 2 RBI and Devin Kulas was 2-for-4 with a double, 3 RBI.

SOFTBALL

WETHERSFIELD 18, NEW BRITAIN 2
WP: Mackenzi Banet. LP: Cristina Velez. HR: W- Alyssa Pericello, Bella Tomaino. Rec.: W-9-5; NB-2-10.
CCC-East
ENFIELD 9, E.O. SMITH 6
E 100-500-3-9-8-3
EOS 200-110-2-9-9-2
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. LP: Ashley Lewis. HR: E-Payten Stebbins. Rec.: E-12-4; EOS-5-7. **Note:** Lubanski had 14 strikeouts. Stebbins was 2-for-5 with 4 RBI. Jenna Boardman was 2-for-4 with 2 RBI for E.O. Smith.
NCCC
ROCKVILLE 5, EAST GRANBY 4
EG 210-000-1-4-8-1
R 320-000-x-5-6-5
WP: Hannah Lake. LP: Taylor Hayes. Rec.: R-11-4; EG-4-11. **Note:** Lake had 2 doubles, 1 RBI at the plate and Alexis Real had 2 RBI. Jaidyn Lacharite was 3-for-3 for East Granby.
ELLINGTON 8, EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 1
EWS 100-000-0-1
E 200-600-x-8
WP: Kaitlyn Kerstetter. LP: Abby Lee. Rec.: E-14-1; EWS-8-7. **Note:** Bryanna Cromwell was 3-for-4 with 3 RBI and Keyleigh Flaherty was 2-for-3 for Ellington.
NVL
ST. PAUL 15, CROSBY 0 (5)
SP 155-31-15-16-1
C 000-00-0-1-3
WP: Lauren Kozlak. LP: Karizma Lopez. Rec.: SP-6-12; C-0-16. **Note:** Kozlak and Meg Gaudreau combined for a 1-hit shutout. Kozlak also had 4 hits, 7 RBI at the plate. Catie Wooten had 3 hits.
Others
VALLEY REGIONAL 4, WINDSOR LOCKS 0
WL 000-000-0-0-4-0
VR 200-101-x-4-7-1
WP: Anna Benson. LP: Rene Homan. Rec.: VR-6-10; WL-4-9. **Note:** Abby Amara was 2-for-3 with a double, 2 runs scored and McKenzie Mule had 2 RBI. Alisha Burns was 2-for-3 for Locks.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 32, PRINCE TECH 20
CLA 59(12)-150-0-32-8-11
PT 922-160-0-20-11-3
WP: Nysy Soto. LP: Carolina Alvarado. HR: PT-Atmielz Criz-Diaz. Rec.: CLA-14-1; PT-1-12.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
ENFIELD 3, WETHERSFIELD 0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-18)

E: Drew Rancourt, 13 kills, 6 digs, 3 blocks; Fritz-Carly Andre, 6 kills, 3 blocks; W: Andrew Knapp, 8 kills, John Lleshi, 7 kills, 3 blocks. Rec.: E-12-2; W-4-10.
CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 3, NEW BRITAIN 1 (25-20, 25-23, 18-25, 25-21)
N: Trey Guest, 22 kills, 14 digs, 2 blocks, Jacob Lawless, 37 assists, 10 digs, 4 blocks; NB: Anthony Almeda, 20 assists, 16 kills, Lexus Sanchez, 11 kills. Rec.: N-11-4; NB-8-6.
Others
XAVIER 3, OXFORD 1 (25-23, 21-25, 27-25, 26-24)
X: Rory McCormack, 21 digs, 15 kills, 6 aces, Evan McDonald, 2 digs, 1 ace, 1 kill, Joe Barbagallo, 2 kills, 1 ace, 1 block. Rec.: X-13-4; O-5-11.

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 180, EAST HAMPTON 280
Medalist: Andrew Croyton, Haddam-Killingworth, 43 at Black Birch GC, Moodus.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-East
GLASTONBURY 231, EAST HARTFORD 275
Medalist: Caitlin Garland, Glastonbury, 48 at East Hartford GC.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

NCCC
SOMERS 92, STAFFORD 58
SOMERS 78, GRANBY 72
GRANBY 80, STAFFORD 70

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

NCCC
SOMERS 103, GRANBY 43
SOMERS 96, STAFFORD 54
STAFFORD 76, GRANBY 73

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-East
EAST HARTFORD 6, TOLLAND 1

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-East
RHAM 4, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
SCC
MERCY 6, EAST HAVEN 1
Others
OLD LYME 4, STONINGTON 3

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-North: Wethersfield at Bloomfield co-op; Hartford Public/HMTCA at New Britain, 7 p.m.
CCC-South: Middletown at Maloney; Berlin at Bristol Central; Plainville at Bristol Eastern, 6:30 p.m.
CCC-East: RHAM at Manchester; Enfield at East Hartford, 6 p.m.
CCC-West: Simsbury at Southington; Farmington at Hall
NCCC: Canton at Somers, 4:15 p.m.
CTC: Whitney Tech at Wilcox Tech
CRAL: Innovation at Capital Prep, 3:30 p.m.; Civic Leadership at Parish Hill
SCC: Wilbur Cross at Hand; Sheehan at Notre Dame-West Haven; Lyman Hall at Cheshire, 4 p.m.; Law at Xavier, 7 p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Torrington, 4:45 p.m.
Others: Coventry at Portland, 4 p.m.; Halesbury at Coginchaug, 4 p.m.; Halesbury at Norwich Tech, 4 p.m.; Rockville at East Hampton, 4:15 p.m.; Shepaug at Cheney Tech, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North: Wethersfield at Bloomfield; Hartford Public at New Britain, 4:30 p.m.
CCC-South: Maloney at Middletown; Berlin at Bristol Central; Bristol Eastern at Plainville, 6:30 p.m.
CCC-East: East Hartford at Enfield; Manchester at RHAM; Tolland at East Catholic
CCC-West: Farmington at Hall; Simsbury at Southington, 4:45 p.m.
CCC-Inter: Platt at Rocky Hill
Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at

Cromwell, 4 p.m.; Old Saybrook at Old Lyme, 4 p.m.; East Hampton at Hale-Ray, 6:30 p.m.

CTC: Norwich Tech at Windham Tech; Vinal Tech at Cheney Tech; Wilcox Tech at Whitney Tech
CRAL: Innovation at Capital Prep, 3:30 p.m.; Civic Leadership/Aerospace at Parish Hill
SCC: Guilford at Hand; Mercy at North Haven; Lyman Hall at Foran; Cheshire at East Haven, 4:30 p.m.; Sheehan at West Haven, 7 p.m.
EOC: Ledyard at Bacon Academy, 4 p.m.
NVL: Torrington at St. Paul, 4 p.m.
Others: Canton at Avon, 3:30 p.m.; MLC at East Windsor/SMSA, 4 p.m.; University/Classical at East Granby, 5 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

NCCC: Canton at Rockville co-op, 4:15 p.m.
Others: Montville at Norwich Tech/ Windham Tech, 4 p.m.; Cheshire at Barlow, 5:30 p.m.; Capital Prep at Wilbur Cross, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-South: Enfield at Middletown, 4 p.m.; Wethersfield at Bristol Central, 4:30 p.m.
CCC-Inter: Rocky Hill at South Windsor, 4 p.m.; Hall at Berlin, 6:30 p.m.
Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Old Lyme
SCC: Hand at Cheshire, 6 p.m.; Branford at Sheehan, 6:30 p.m.
Others: RHAM at St. Bernard, 4 p.m.; Bristol Eastern at St. Paul, 6 p.m.; Southington at Masuk, 7 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East: Glastonbury at Enfield, 5 p.m.
CCC-Inter: Farmington at New Britain, 5 p.m.; Southington at East Hartford, 6 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC: Granby at Canton, 3 p.m.
Shoreline: Cromwell at Old Lyme, 3 p.m.
Others: Rockville, Windsor Locks at Tolland, 3 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-Inter: Manchester at Berlin, 3 p.m.
Others: New Britain at St. Paul, 3 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Others: Running Rams Invitational (Old Saybrook HS), 3 p.m.; River Hawks Track Classic (Farmington HS), 5 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-East: East Catholic at RHAM; Manchester at Tolland; East Hartford at E.O. Smith; South Windsor at Enfield co-op
CCC-West: Farmington at Northwest Catholic, 2:30 p.m.; Glastonbury at Hall; Avon at Southington
CCC-Inter: Bristol Eastern at New Britain
Shoreline: Cromwell at Westbrook; Old Saybrook at Old Lyme
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Grasso Tech
SCC: Guilford at Xavier; Sheehan at Foran; Notre Dame-West Haven at Hand; Fairfield Prep at Cheshire
Others: Bulkeley/HMTCA at Windsor Locks

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North: New Britain at Bloomfield; Windsor at Wethersfield
CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Maloney, 4:30 p.m.
CCC-East: Enfield at South Windsor; Tolland at Manchester; RHAM at East Catholic
CCC-West: Hall at Glastonbury; Southington at Avon
CCC-Inter: Berlin at Farmington; Rocky Hill at East Hartford, 4:30 p.m.
NCCC: Bolton at Rockville; East Granby at Coventry, 4 p.m.
Shoreline: Cromwell at Westbrook; Portland at North Branford
CTC: Norwich Tech at Wilcox Tech; Grasso Tech at Prince Tech
SCC: Cheshire at Lauralton Hall; Hand at North Haven; Guilford at Mercy; Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 5 p.m.
EOC: Bacon Academy at Ledyard
NVL: Torrington at St. Paul, 4 p.m.
Others: Canton at Bulkeley/HMTCA

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. PENGUINS

Crosby's status clouds matchup as Game 6 looms

By Will Graves
Associated Press

Up next

Rangers at Penguins
7 p.m., TNT

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby made his way down the tunnel and out of sight. Any sense of security the Pittsburgh Penguins had in their first-round playoff series against the New York Rangers disappeared right along with their captain.

The superstar's status for Friday night's Game 6 is uncertain after Crosby absorbed a high but — in the eyes of the officials — legal hit from Jacob Trouba late in the second period of Game 5 on Wednesday night. He didn't play the final 26 minutes and was nowhere near the bench as a two-goal lead turned into a 5-3 loss that sent the series back to Pittsburgh.

Penguins coach Mike Sullivan offered scant details on Thursday other than to say Crosby would continue to be evaluated. Sullivan declined to get into specifics about whether the three-time Stanley Cup champion was dealing with another concussion, saying only Crosby has an upper-body injury.

While Sullivan stressed his group has what it takes to win regardless of who is in the lineup, the reality is the Penguins are not the same when Crosby's familiar No. 87 isn't doing the little things — and the big ones too — that have made him a singular force for the better part of two decades.

It was evident in the immediate scramble after Crosby's departure. Pittsburgh allowed three goals in less than three minutes and struggled to generate any consistent pressure on New York goaltender Igor Shesterkin after the Rangers took the lead for good in the third period.

Crosby spent two years grappling with post-concussion issues a decade ago, cutting right into the middle of his prime. He's been largely healthy since 2013, though he did miss a second-round game against Washington in 2017 after taking a cross-check to the head from Capitals defenseman Matt Niskanen.

Pittsburgh pulled out a 3-2 victory with Crosby in street clothes before going on to win the series in seven games and a second straight Stanley Cup a month later. The Penguins also held their own early this season while Crosby recovered from wrist surgery.

"We've always had a mindset here that there's a next-man-up approach," Sullivan said.

There will be a first-line center for Pittsburgh on Friday night, likely Evgeni Malkin if Crosby is unavailable. Malkin, like Crosby, is one of the pillars the franchise is built around. Yet Crosby's play during the first four-plus games of the series showcased that even during the back half of his Hall of Fame career, he is a commanding presence in his 15th postseason.

Crosby had two goals and seven assists before getting injured. Earlier this week he became the sixth player in NHL history to reach 200 career points in the postseason. The scoresheet, however, doesn't provide a full picture of what Crosby brings.

The 36-year-old Canadian is unsigned for next season.

Notes: Bruins defenseman Hampus Lindholm returned after missing the last three games after a hit to the head. He led the team in ice time. ... Coyle also had an assist and Tomas Nosek had two assists for Boston

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